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Career Man

Veteran trainer Allard still finding winners

DIVINING ROD

Highest-Priced Regionally Sired Yearling

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PALACE MALICE
PRIVATE IDAHO
248

Sara Gordon

At the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale, Gretchen and Roy Jackson's Lael Stable bid $115,000 for this handsome full-brother to Divining Rod's winning 2-year-old filly Petition Prayer.

The Leading Freshman Sire in the Mid-Atlantic, with 9 winners from 23 starters, Divining Rod is the property of Gainesway Farm (breeder of the high-priced colt), Country Life Farm (where the colt was foaled), and Lael Stable (in whose silks the colt will race).

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Trainer Allard keeps adding to successful career

You can go back to the 1970s and find Ned Allard winning races at North American racetracks, just like you can find him winning races in 2021. Now based in the Mid-Atlantic, the trainer of Hall of Famer and New England legend Mom's Command extends his 50-plus year career with the likes of Always Sunshine. By Vinnie Perrone. Page 18

Fasig-Tipton yearling sale rings bells

Statistics flew upward by gross, average and median as the region's fall yearling sale showcased strong numbers across the board—powered in large part by regional-breds including seven Maryland-breds in the top 10. By Joe Clancy. Page 24

Wasabi Ventures honors former runner

After the painful loss of stable favorite Shamrock Kid, partners in Wasabi Ventures stable helped fund the aftercare—and second career potential—of another Thoroughbred Spooky Moon as a fitting tribute. By Sara Gordon. Page 30

Hot Rod Charlie gets his Grade 1

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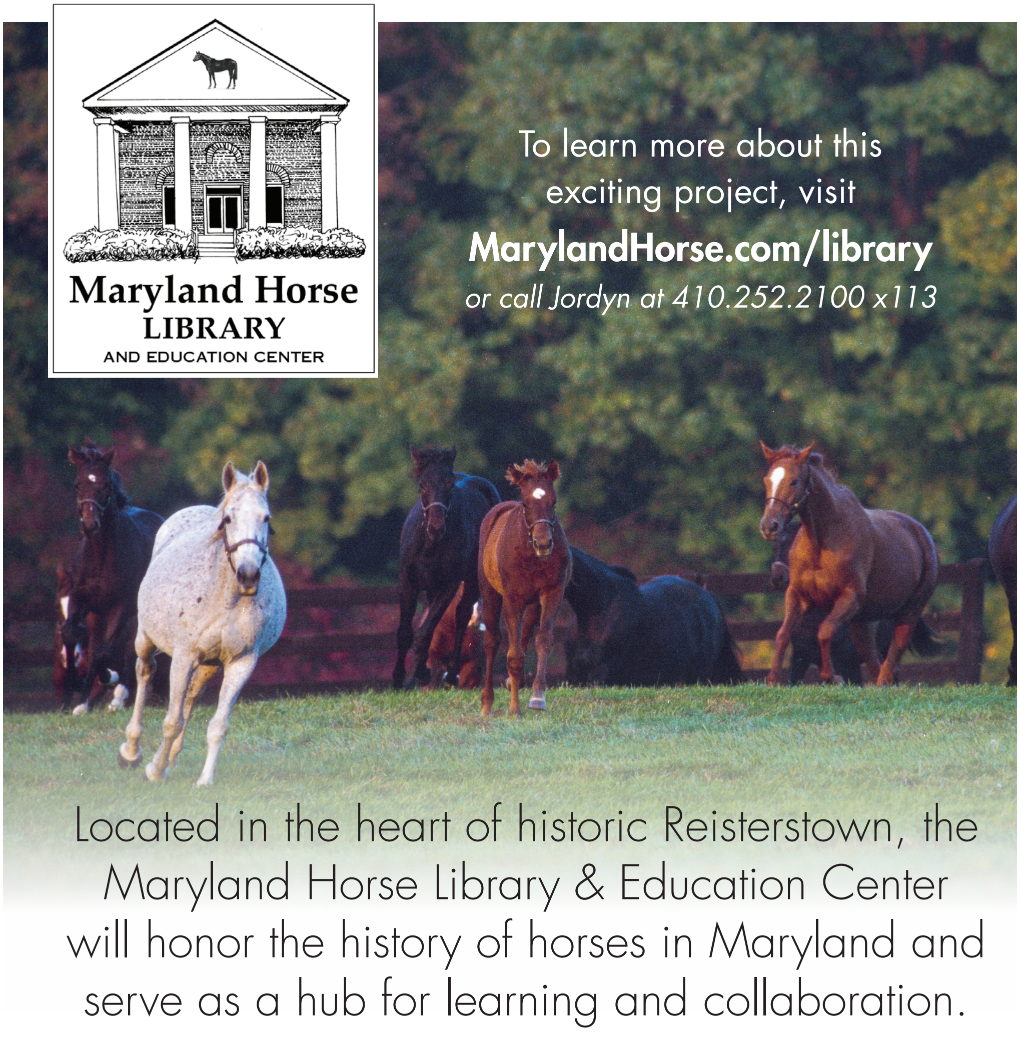
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POST TIME

NIGHT MOVES.

Arnaldo Bocachica and Muad'dib find a position early in the West Virginia Breeders Classic at Charles Town Oct. 9. The 4-year-old caught Hero's Man on the final turn and won for the fifth time this year and eighth time (from as many starts) in his career. The big win fueled a banner night for Bocachica (eight wins), trainer Jeff Runco (seven) and owner David Raim (five). See next month's edition for the whole story.

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F, Summer Front–Holywood Humor MD-BRED
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F, Super Ninety Nine–Two Stars MD-BRED, BC
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Hope Cross (IRE) (Cape Cross (IRE)–Great Hope (Ire)) I/F V. E. Day
G3-placed winner of $268,830

PTARMIGAN (Unbridled Jet–Flaine) I/F V. E. Day, SW over hurdles

SEALINGTON (Harlington–Dancing Sea), placed at 3

INSPIRATION (IRE) (Yeats (IRE)–Great Idea (IRE)) I/F V. E. Day, allowance winner

FAREWELL SALLY (Ball's Bluff–Say Farewell), unraced

WEANLINGS by V. E. DAY

Filly o/o Miss Laa Di Da (GB)
Filly o/o Ptarmigan
Filly o/o Sealington
Filly o/o Inspiration (IRE)
Colt o/o Farewell Sally
QUEENMOTHER, Filly o/o Southafrican Queen
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Gelding o/o Ptarmigan
Filly o/o Farewell Sally

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Timeistheenemy 2019 geld. by V. E. Day–Ptarmigan
Noble Cross 2018 colt by Noble Mission (GB)–Hope Cross (IRE)
A Farewell Yodel 2017 gelding by Swiss Yodeler–Farewell Sally
First Lady Di Da 2018 filly by V. E. Day–Miss Laa Di Da (GB) Broodmare Prospect

Say It Again

"The internet's out."
Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Tom Biederman, freaking out the millennials in the pavilion for the yearling sale; he meant that an internet bid had been topped by someone else

"People are going to stop being so happy for me."
GreenMount Farm's Sabrina Moore, who raised Horse of the Year candidate Knicks Go and sold a $150,000 yearling at Fasig-Tipton, about no longer being the underdog

"Is that a five or a 'Hold on?' "
Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Joseph Mast, coaxing another bid late in the sale

"We grew up together. He just aged a little bit better than I did."
Trainer Chuck Lawrence, 55, introducing 88-year-old Gordie Keys to a friend at Laurel

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

So Long Champ. Twenty-five years ago this month, Maryland-bred Cigar capped his incomparable racing career with a retirement ceremony at the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The two-time Horse of the Year and eventual Hall of Famer received–among other tributes–a pair of sneakers from New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing, a hockey stick from the New York Rangers' Mark Messier and a gold horseshoe (instead of a watch).

GO FIGURE

4 Sprint stakes wins in Maryland this year for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen, the Chick Lang-G3 with Mighty Mischief, Lite the Fuse with Yaupon, Star de Naskra with Jaxon Traveler (all at Pimlico) and De Francis Dash-G3 at Laurel Park with Jalen Journey.

2 Maryland-bred full-brothers who raced against each other in Laurel Park's first race Oct. 1. Seville Row (age 4) finished third while Senor Seville (5) finished sixth. Bred by Richard Blue Jr., they are by Seville (Ger) and out of Ladina.

14 Stakes wins for Maryland-bred champion older filly/mare of 1998 Weather Vane, recognized with a stakes in her name at Laurel Park starting in 2019.

18 Stakes wins for Maryland-bred Twixt (who won state-bred championships every year she raced, 1972-75), recognized with a stakes in her name at Laurel Park since 1978.

1 Jack Russell Terrier in a bowtie at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale.

1 Josh Allen jersey at Laurel Park Oct. 2.

1,021 Wins for owner Joe Besecker, not counting partnership victories, through Oct. 4. Besecker hit the 1,000 mark when Diva's Finale won at Del Mar Aug. 14.

260 Riders who took part in the Maryland Jockey Club's Canter for the Cause event to raise money for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance at Pimlico Race Course in October.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

You Look Cold. The Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old filly, winner of the Finest City Stakes at Presque Isle Downs in September, is by Frosted out of the Lookin At Lucky mare Lucky Draw.

Percher. The 4-year-old gelding, a winner at Delaware Park in August, is out of Mountain Bird.

Dowser. The Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old filly, a homebred for Michael Moran and a winner in her debut at Penn National in September, is by Divining Rod. A dowser uses a divining rod to find water and objects underground.

Who Knows What. Larry Johnson's Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly is out of What Time It Is.

MILESTONES

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Longtime Mid-Atlantic trainer completes his Triple Crown
By Sean Clancy
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Honored: By American Horse Publications, *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, in the annual AHP Equine Media Awards contest for material published in 2020. Writer Sean Clancy's article "Tagg Time" on trainer Barclay Tagg and Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Tiz the Law, which appeared in the August edition, won first place in the News Reporting Related Single Article category. Writer Sara Gordon's article "Extinguishing Fear" about barn fires from the July edition received a second-place nod in the Service to the Horse Industry category. Writer Joe Clancy's editorial from the April edition, "Trainers, vets caught by FBI put racing at risk" received a second-place honor in the Personal Column category. Freelance photographer Scott Serio won the Editorial Photograph category for his photo "Fair Hill Morning" which appeared in the Post Time section of the May edition. Designer Barrie Reightler's advertisement for Bonita Farm from March finished second in the Publication Single Advertisement category. Reightler's design of the June magazine's cover received an honorable mention in the Cover Page category.

Released: By The Jockey Club, North American breeding statistics for 2020 which included 29,699 Thoroughbred mares bred by 1,447 stallions during the year (statistics through Oct. 4). Those breeding resulted in 19,021 live foals of 2021 reported to The Jockey Club. The total represents a 3.3 percent decline from a similar time frame in 2020 with the 2021 foal crop projected to be 19,200. As usual, Kentucky led all states in mares bred and live foals (11,535), followed by California (1,253), Florida (1,002), New York (649) and Louisiana (631). Regionally, Maryland ranked sixth in the nation with 524 live foals reported in 2021. The number was a 3.6 percent increase over 2020 and one of the few positive statistical changes among states. Pennsylvania (449 live foals, a 12-percent decline) checked in seventh overall.

Sold: At the Keeneland September sale, 17 Mid-Atlantic-bred yearlings for six figures. Topping the regional offerings were two $300,000 colts, a Virginia-bred from the first crop of City of Light bred by Knockgriffin Farm, and a Maryland-bred son of Speightstown bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds. Sold as a short yearling for $130,000 at the Keeneland January sale by breeders Jim and Katie Fitzgerald, the City of Light colt was consigned by Hidden Brook eight months later. Agent Steve Young purchased the colt out of stakes-placed Trishas Even (by Even the Score), who hails from the family of Broad Brush. Richard Golden bought the Speightstown colt's dam Southampton Way (a graded stakes-placed daughter of Into Mischief bred in Maryland by Sagamore Farm) as a broodmare prospect for $300,000 in 2018 at Keeneland November. Her yearling is her first foal. Pennsylvania-breds accounted for nine of the top 17 prices, the most expensive a Practical Joke colt out of the Elusive Quality mare Secret Quality, going to Stripes Stable for $285,000. Bred by Forgotten Land Investment and sold as a weanling for $110,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky fall mixed sale, he was consigned by Woods Edge Farm (Peter O'Callaghan). Forty-six Mid-Atlantic-breds sold over the 11-day sale Sept 13-24 in Lexington, Ky., grossing $4,326,500 for an average of $94,054. The median was $65,000.

Pennsylvania's Broks to retire, sell Pennsylvania's Diamond B Farm

By Joe Clancy

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

When asked about the reasons behind his retirement and the pending closure of the Diamond B Farm he operates with wife Becky, Glenn Brok came up with an easy-to-understand explanation.

"I don't want to be the guy where they say, 'Glenn bought a motorhome and he almost got to use it,' he said toward the end of a 19-minute telephone conversation in mid-October. "I want them to say, 'Glenn bought a motorhome and drove the wheels off it.'"

So Glenn and Becky, soon-to-be retirees, will drive the wheels off a motorhome–literally or figuratively–as they shut down decades in Thoroughbred racing and turn to a life without late nights in a foaling stall, early mornings at the racetrack or in the training barn, extended days in the breeding shed or any of the other details of running a large, successful Thoroughbred business.

The Broks operate Diamond B, 87 acres in Mohrsville, Pa., complete with 78 stalls, breeding shed, stallion barn, indoor arena and all the rest. They've placed first or second on the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association leaderboard by breeder and stallion-owner bonuses for four years (2017-20) and will likely be among the leaders again this year. They bred Pennsylvania champions, foaled some of the state's best runners, stood successful stallions, oversaw high-dollar sales and became leaders in the state's racing industry.

And to think it all started when Bob Brok arranged for pony rides at his son's third birthday party at their home in Reading, Pa.

Glenn rode plow horses in the Catskills, hack horses in Pennsylvania, joined a Pony Club, showed, played polo, found his way to Liberty Bell Park near Philadelphia and ultimately a career in racing as a hotwalker, exercise rider, trainer, jockey's agent, van agent with Brook Ledge Horse Transportation, bloodstock agent, breeder and farm owner. Likewise, Becky Merkel Brok grew up riding near Reading and rode show horses before becoming an exercise rider at Penn National, starting a sales consignment business and managing Diamond B with her husband. The farm is a full-time job, and then some, as Glenn still works with Brook Ledge (traveling to sales all over the country).

He'll stick with that Brook Ledge job, but the Broks plan to phase out the rest, sell the farm, relocate (perhaps to somewhere with "a better climate") and keep a few riding horses. Stallions Uptowncharlybrown, Talent Search and Eastwood have already found new locales while Rowayton and Boisterous await future assignments. Broodmares and weanlings are for sale, the farm will soon follow. The Broks' daughters, Sarah and Samantha, are in Kentucky pursuing Thoroughbred careers.

Predictably, wrapping it all up comes with nostalgic moments.

"Sometimes you forget why you're working so hard and you forget you actually love each other," said Glenn of his relationship with his wife. "We've worked hard and we want to enjoy the fruits of it. It's time. It's been great. Building that farm, the success we've had, the financial rewards and all the things we've wanted . . . But someday you've got to realize you're not 25 anymore and can't keep working so hard."

The current Diamond B started when the Broks opened it in 2003, but the business goes back to the 1980s. Over time, the operation became a player in

Pennsylvania—foaling or breeding the likes of Grade 1 winner Real Solution, graded stakes winner Emotional Kitten, recent graded stakes winner Hollywood Talent, plus Pennsylvania-bred stalwart The Man and loads of others.

Ask Glenn for a highlight and he'll think a bit, tell you there are too many and eventually launch into a story. This time it was about The Man, who won 11 races and earned $507,126 while racing for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert's wife Jill. The son of Ecclesiastic and the Broks' homebred mare Shorty's Epiphany foaled at Diamond B in 2012 and went to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale the next fall. They brought him home as an RNA, sent him to Rod McVey as a potential 2-year-old pinhook on a "50/50 deal." Back at Timonium in 2014, the colt sold for $115,000 to Olive Guy Stable (Baffert and Bernie Schiappa through agent Donato Lanni).

The Man didn't run at 2, and won his fourth (and final) start as a 3-year-old in March 2015. Later that spring, wearing his Brook Ledge hat at Belmont Park, Glenn went to thank Baffert for shipping Triple Crown hopeful American Pharoah with the van company.

"The horse chipped a knee," Baffert said.

Caught off guard, Glenn couldn't help but think, "American Pharoah chipped a knee? Why is he telling me this? Before the Belmont?"

Baffert settled things down. "The Man, he chipped a knee. But don't worry, I'm going to get it right and send him to John Servis in Pennsylvania and you'll make a lot of money."

Delayed by the knee and abscesses, The Man finally made it back to the Keystone State in 2017. Away from the races for almost two years, he won a Pennsylvania-bred allowance at Penn National in a canter to start a six-win, six-start season including the Banjo Picker Stakes. He won three more the next year, topped by another Banjo Picker and piled up $167,638 in breeder awards for the Broks.

In the midst of all that success, Becky Brok met Jill Baffert at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga sale and mentioned that The Man would always have a retirement home at Diamond B. He's been there two years until recently moving on to a riding career with a friend of the Broks.

"I love when our horses run and they do well; I'll miss that," said Glenn. "I take pride or enjoyment in doing a mating and having it work, selling it to people and having people come back and say they want to buy your horse. When the horse does as well as The Man did, it's so rewarding."

Glenn is a champion of the Pennsylvania program, calls it the best in the nation and is quick to speak up when the bonuses are at risk. The program helped build Diamond B, and sent ripples of impact to employees, farmers, veterinarians, transport companies, sales companies and so on.

"When we bought this farm in 2003 and the breeding program was just starting to kick off, I said I wanted to be the leading breeder and I wanted to make $100,000 in breeding awards," said Glenn. "We got to $450,000 one year. That's amazing."

He'll be thinking about it while driving that motorhome.

THE RACING BIZ

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"A lot of hard work" makes Owners' Day thrive: Trainer Scott Peck's first-ever stakes win as the trainer of record underlined what makes Delaware Park Owners' Day thrive: a lot of hard work. Tom LaMarra reports.

Trainer Andy Simoff horsing around with names: What's in a horse name? For Delaware Park-based trainer Andy Simoff, a chance to have a little fun and give folks in the industry a smile. Frank Vespe tells the story.

West Virginia Breeders Classics—five story lines: Ahead of the West Virginia Breeders Classics, Vespe provided five story lines to follow.

Mid-Atlantic three stars: Every week John Piassek provides a five-minute read to catch up on three "star" performances at Mid-Atlantic tracks over the weekend.

For trainer Lynn Ashby a season of challenge, success: Delaware Park-based trainer Lynn Ashby is having a big year with 2-year-olds in 2021, with stakes winners Rebel Empire and Epic Luck. It's been quite the tonic in a year of challenges, writes Vespe.

Fasig-Tipton: 2021 Yearling Sale by the numbers: How many grays and how many bays at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale? Boys and girls? And when were they born? The Racing Biz dug into the numbers.

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In his "Broker's Tip" column in the January 2021 issue of this magazine, Rick Abbott wrote:

"Some clients are a pain in the ass. Some know nothing about horses in general and Thoroughbreds specifically. Some clients are a dream come true, and Adele Paxson was one of those."

Later in the piece, Abbott mentioned Paxson's trainer Michael Dickinson and continued:

"Michael called me one day and offered to give us one of Mrs. Paxson's 2-year-olds who wasn't handling the rigors of training."

Twenty-eight years later, Rick and his wife Dixie Abbott still have that 2-year-old. His cranky ankles ended his racing career before it started; his Jockey Club name, Bid to Fore, was never called by a track announcer. But "Freebie," as they rechristened him, lucked into a jackpot with the Abbott family.

Socialite, conservationist and philanthropist Adele Warden Paxson was passionate about Thoroughbred racing and breeding. Husband Henry D. Paxson inherited Elm Grove Farm in Bucks County, Pa., which served as the base of their operation. They also kept a stable in Florida and a barn at South Carolina's Aiken Training Track. Both avid foxhunters, their holdings included several champion show hunters.

Best known among Mrs. Paxson's racehorses was 1978 co-champion 2-year-old filly Candy Éclair. In 1980, she earned the Eclipse Award for outstanding breeder.

Freebie was a product of Mrs. Paxson's favorite families. Foaled in New York on April 8, 1991, he was sired by Loustrous Bid (Illustrious—Heavenly Ade, by Cannonade) from the Foretake mare Miss Fore (out of Bender Miss, by Never Bend). Both were unraced. Heavenly Ade set a track record when she won the 1980 Delaware Handicap-G1. Foretake won the Knickerbocker Handicap-G3 and the Longfellow Handicap-G3 in 1980.

Freebie's surprisingly early retirement sent him directly from Dickinson's barn to Charlton, the Abbotts' farm near Coatesville, Pa. The 160-acre property was the nucleus of Charlton Bloodstock, the business they owned and operated for nearly 40 years. After some extended R&R, the bay gelding settled into his new life as a project for Dixie and their daughter Carly, a teenager when Freebie arrived in 1993. Older brother Red didn't spend as much time riding by that point, but Carly remembers Freebie pressed into service as a mount for young ladies who visited Red at the farm.

"He'd bring girlfriends home and take them for rides, because that was a move," she said. "He would ride my dad's big Percheron mix, Harris Tweed."

Both Carly and her mother rode Freebie in baby green hunter divisions at local shows. Along with Rick, they often foxhunted him with the Cochran Hunt, a farmer's pack based near Charlton.

One such outing remains forever vivid in Carly's mind. Home from college, she accompanied her father in the hunt field one morning. Rick rode Freebie, with Carly on another off-track Thoroughbred Heshie's Halo.

"We had a big day, and we were just starting to think about heading home when the hunt moved into an area we didn't go into very often," she said. "A lot of riders stayed behind to hilltop it because they knew there were some huge log jumps back there. But we decided to keep going with the field, and our horses jumped like absolute rock stars. Just boom, boom, boom over these giant jumps. And then we got through them all and out to a driveway which led back to where the rest of the field was waiting. The main field kept going, but we said 'OK, the boys were great, so let's hack home.'"

Out of the woods and still high on the athleticism just displayed by their mounts, they headed back toward the remainder of the field.

"They were all on the opposite side of this little three rail. I trotted toward it, and Halo stopped. So I turned around to go again, and Dad tried it on Freebie. Freebie refused, and Dad fell off right in front of the rest of the field."

"He was our guest horse too," Dixie said. "If we were busy at a sale, people would stay here and hunt Freebie."

And "busy at a sale" was a frequent state of affairs for the entire team at Charlton. Throughout the years, Freebie was a lighthouse for Dixie. When the hectic schedules and long days became overwhelming, she took mental health breaks with the horse. Bareback with just a halter and shank, they'd escape on a cross-country hack.

"I never really tacked him up because I never had time," she said. "And he was so parrot-mouthed that bits were a problem. We always used leather covered bits."

There haven't been many hats the gelding hasn't worn. Pleasure horse to all four Abbott family members. Coveted foxhunter. Pony horse for youngsters prepping for the sales. Babysitter to countless young horses on the farm. But one particular role was a tad unusual.

When the Abbotts lost their teaser stallion, Freebie came in from the bullpen. A confirmed bachelor, his interest in mares was long since squelched. But Charlton farm manager Liz Eglington Mitchell had a solution.

"We got it to work by putting grain on the hindquarters of the mares and letting him nibble away," Dixie said. "The girls thought he was Don Juan!"

When Rick and Dixie retired and sold the farm five years ago, Freebie was literally the last horse off the property. As she had so many times, Dixie grabbed a halter and shank and rode her dear friend through the woods to Chestnut, the farm next door owned by Chris and Lisa Kozik Demars. He's lived there ever since.

Now 30, he's the wise, old sage looking after his younger pasturemates.

"One of the Thoroughbreds, Robbie, is the dominant horse in the herd," Lisa Demars said. "And if you offend Robbie, he'll take action. Security, the Warmblood, and Freebie are best friends, like a school of fish. Side by side in the field, one moves and the other moves, like magnets. One rainy day, Security was anxious to get inside and he started to bumble his way over toward Robbie. Freebie saw what was about to happen, and he hurried over and put himself between Security and Robbie and herded his friend several fence panels away to safety. Robbie would have pounded Security, no question. Freebie looks after him."

Rick Abbott smiled. It means the world to the entire family that their old boy has the best possible retirement home. But he couldn't resist adding a postscript.

"I never expected him to live this long," he deadpanned. "I've been paying board on him for the last five years!"

"And trust me," Carly Abbott said. "Every time Dad writes that check, his hand probably twitches." ✷

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Middle market's strength helps fuel strong sale

"Tough going in the middle . . . it's either chicken or feathers . . . all soup and no crackers . . . the horses at the top always sell, it's the ones in the middle that are a struggle . . . the middle market is important to people . . . the middle needs to be better . . . I don't know what we're going to do about the middle . . ."

I'm still trying to parse the soup/crackers one, but the comments after a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale typically center on the struggle breeders, owners and consignors face with middle-market horses. You know the ones—they don't get the headlines or make auction-watchers stop and, well, watch—but they power a regional sale like the one at Timonium, Md., each autumn. The point was always that demand exists for the absolute best yearlings and buyers will pay for them. But the counterweight to that is a relative lack of buyers for horses in the middle price ranges—perfectly fine, mind you, but nobody's sales-ring superstar—near the sale's average or median.

Well, that may be changing. Finally.

The 2021 sale in October realized big jumps in the average ($29,578) and median ($20,000), and showcased a far lower buyback rate (16 percent) than usual. Those are the facts. Anecdotally, the sale seemed to have far more $25-30,000 price tags than usual, more bidding on those horses and more buyers saying how much work it was to get the horses they wanted.

Things like that help everybody. Yes, even the buyers in the long run as breeders get rewarded for producing good horses and aim to improve on this year's success next year and beyond.

"It seemed like the sale had more depth to it," said consignor Bill Reightler, who sold 35 yearlings for $606,500. "In the past it's been the select top end of the market and then everything else. It was very competitive through the middle, which is good. It's still a selective market. There are very few neophytes buying horses, and the people looking are very good judges and they know what they want. But that benefits horses at all levels."

As for a reason for the 2021 shift, Reightler and others pointed to several factors impacting the Thoroughbred market. The foal crop is smaller than its been in decades. Purses are higher than ever. The coronavirus pandemic, while not over, appears to be waning. State-bred incentives to owners, breeders and developers are plentiful. People in the business already—pinhookers and trainers—need horses every year to stay in the business. Owners and potential owners have options and, apparently, money to spend.

All that matters. And all that impacts sale prices.

"I always thought there was going to be some year where the supply and demand factor would kick in," Reightler said. "If there are less horses and the same amount of buyers, you'd think the horses would get more expensive. It hasn't happened, entirely, yet, but you saw some of that this year. I think you'll see it start to come along even more."

Like Reightler, consignor Marshall Silverman saw an improved climate for his clients.

"The middle market was definitely better this year, we had Covid last year but this year was still better than it has been for a while," said Silverman, who sold 55 yearlings for $1.17 million to lead all consignors by gross. "I heard from plenty of people who didn't get horses and I'm sure it'll carry on to the other yearling sales this year and hopefully it'll make the weanling market better too later this year."

And that's the real impact of a healthier middle, an expanding marketplace that rewards buyers and sellers over time. A sale is only as good as the horses in it, and rising prices (in the middle, not necessarily at the top) encourage breeders to add a broodmare or upgrade a stallion choice.

The industry still feels top-heavy, could still use more breeders and mare owners. The region still needs a breakthrough stallion or six. But, the sales returns hint at better times for breeders. Fasig-Tipton and the Maryland State Fair are doing their part as the sales facility continues to be improved. It was easy to see barn upgrades, new fencing and other steps this year. Timonium's spring 2-year-old sale found its niche a few years ago and continues to flex its way into a can't-miss stop for buyers. The yearling sale, which saw a $2.1 million increase in gross from 2020 to 2021, on just two more horses sold, might not be too far behind.

"Everybody in the game is reading and studying, even the Kentucky guys," said Reightler. "They'll look and say, 'They had a pretty darn good Maryland sale there. Maybe I'll take some horses to Maryland.' It all comes down to the horses and the quality of horses. Buyers feel they get good value coming here, and it's always refreshing when breeders are rewarded. This was the best middle market for a yearling sale here that I can remember in a while."

Long may it continue. ✷

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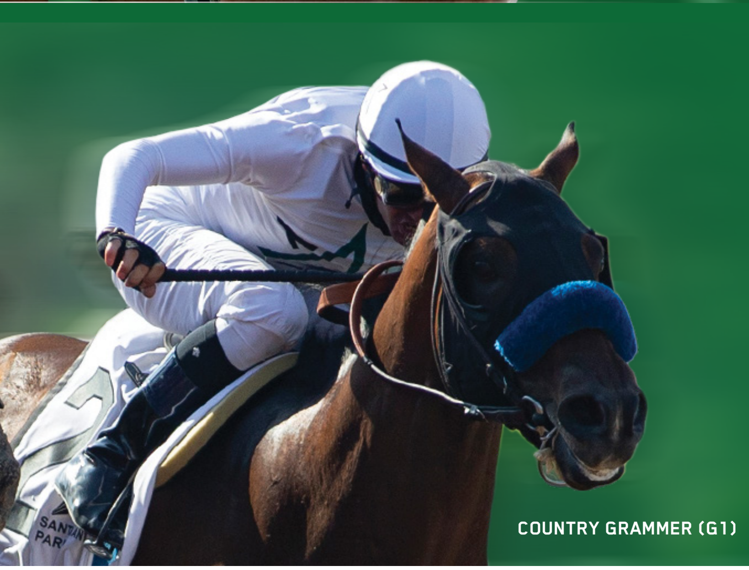
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Allard finds peace, success in long training career

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Your father's a renowned musician, your mother an accomplished oil painter. But you're a kid moved more by a yawning summer in the cottage dad bought on Cobbetts Pond. There in the green, green wonder of southern New Hampshire, a stranger pulls up in a flashy orange car. Suddenly the music soars and colors burst without note or brushstroke.

A thing like this happens when you're 10, and you see a horse on the hood of a Cadillac.

Not your typical chrome deal, either, but a painted jockey-ridden dazzler in orange-and-white silks. A reaching Thoroughbred aimed to run straight off the front of the El Dorado convertible.

Outside a cabin down the way, you help the stranger haul some stuff from the car trunk, ask what's the deal with the horse up front. "You'd have to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning to find that out," the mystery man tells you.

You don't even know his name, but his words seep restless. You rise before all the next morning, dress and sit in dew-licked darkness on the stranger's front porch until booted footsteps draw close and the screen door creaks open.

"What possessed me to go sit on his doorstep the next day, I can't tell you," 75-year-old Ned Allard says, New England still tickling his words and his ways. "But he brought me out to the track that first day, and it was love at first sight."

A rising sun turned Shangri-la aglow, George Handy's racing stable at Rockingham Park, 1956. Handy asked the boy his age. "Fourteen," Ned Allard answered.

And then the moment. Was this how his dad felt with a woodwind in his hands, his mom a paintbrush and palette? A leather strap worn smooth and hitched to a racehorse, a stroll through pillowy shedrow dirt at once harmonic and dissonant, hypnotic and fidgety, empowering and humbling. A sensation to taste and savor and taste some more.

"My parents thought it was kinda neat that, at that age, I wanted to do something as far as work was concerned," Allard says. Their postscript: Whatever you do in life, do what you love.

A word from his folks, and Ned Allard found the racetrack an open lane. "I was bitten," he says.

Sixty-five trackside years haven't dulled the impression. From the days of discovery in sweet New England to his unplanned start as a trainer to his brassy work with Hall of Fame filly Mom's Command to his nomadic course through the Mid-Atlantic to his sustaining touch with still-radiant 9-year-old Always Sunshine, Ned Allard can't arrest the zest.

"Jumpin' in the winner's circle today feels as good as it did in 1970 when I won my first race at Lincoln Downs," he says more than 2,700 victories later. "Then again, you get up at 3 o'clock every morning seven days a week, they think you're crazy. And maybe they're right."

The trainer enters an open barn to unlock a racehorse and sometimes finds the key to lasting human friendships–so Allard joined with Peter Fuller, John Costello, Gilbert Campbell. "It's amazing how it all came together," he says.

Fuller, the free-wheeling son of a Massachusetts governor and congressman and second-generation Boston car dealer, made national headlines after homebred Dancer's Image won the 1968 Kentucky Derby for trainer Lou Cavalaris, then had it stripped on a disputed Bute overage. Sixteen years later, Fuller and Allard issued Mom's Command, whose magical 1985 campaign neither horse nor man could overturn.

Through Fuller, Allard met Costello and won 13 races with the *Lowell Sun* publisher's Jacuzzi Boogie. Costello brought in developer Campbell, who raced Always Sunshine and teamed with Allard for scores of stakes winners across five decades before he died Sept. 16 at age 91. Allard says Gil's wife, Marilyn, has pledged to keep most of their racers racing and broodmares breeding.

These flourishing alliances grew from Cobbetts Pond southward. Joseph Allard, Ned's virtuosic father, knew Costello and Campbell from the Vesper Country Club, near Lowell, on the Merrimack River in Tyngsborough, Mass. Ned isn't sure, but he thinks Gil's father probably built the family's $4,500 vacation cabin and blocs of others about the pond.

Handy sought it for easy access to Rockingham Park and got an unexpected stablehand. Ned Allard tromped a path to Handy's porch every morning until the summer of '56 retired and The Rock stopped rolling. Handy got in his mean machine then and joined his horses at Rhode Island's Lincoln Downs; the Allards returned to Tenafly, N.J.

Ned began fifth grade horseless and humdrum. Here and there in the fam-

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SUFFOLK DOWNS (2)

Trained by Ned Allard, Mom's Command won the 1985 Coaching Club American Oaks as part of a Hall of Fame career, which started at Rockingham Park. A young Allard (right) goes over the details with Mom's Command's owner/breeder Peter Fuller and daughter Abby Fuller (the star filly's regular jockey).

ily home hung portraits and landscapes his mom, Ann, had painted. Dad Joe traveled a lot, like he had in the days he mentored Stan Getz and coached the saxophone sections for Glenn Miller's and Benny Goodman's orchestras. Now, when he wasn't on TV or radio performing with Arturo Toscanini's NBC Symphony Orchestra, he taught clarinet and sax at the Juilliard School in New York City.

Joe Allard exposed his four kids to song and instruments without pressure. Son Ronald became a professional jazz saxophonist and clarinetist. Younger son Ned lacked the ear and interest despite the effort. "I can play 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' on every instrument imaginable," he says.

Clarinet, sax, piano: None brought Ned Allard the sensation of a horse on a lead shank. Not even the drums. The rhythmic thrum of hoofbeats, he thought: Now *that's* percussion.

On paper or not, Joe Allard knew the score. "He used to love to tell people he played the clarinet," Ned says, "and his son played the horses."

The family returned to Cobbetts Pond each summer, and Ned to Handy's wonderland. Years later, still a teen, Allard became Handy's assistant and worked the circuit: Rhode Island's Lincoln Downs or Narragansett Park in the fall, Maryland's Bowie Race Course in winter, New York's Aqueduct for a few weeks on the trip north, Massachusetts' Suffolk Downs in the spring, then back to The Rock. As for high school, Allard says, "I graduated from the George Handy School of Hard Knocks."

Handy skillfully managed a diverse stable of claimers and better and an eclectic clientele as well, Allard says; he watched and learned how to coax the good from horses and people. By 1970, when the head trainer sought richer means with a crack at Pennsylvania, Allard readied to go along and cowrite the new chapter. Then the plot twisted.

With Handy's blessing, 24-year-old Allard had started training $1,500 claimer Fleetness Rules on the side, a task more tantalizing than tangible. Fleetness Rules had spent much of 1970 rehabbing and neared a racing return that fall as Handy meant to leave Lincoln. Committed to the move, Allard pledged to find a trainer for Fleetness Rules.

The owner bristled.

"What are you talkin' about? You've had the horse all year," he challenged his young trainer. "Run him at least one time anyway."

And so Allard did. Fleetness Rules won his revival.

"I still was gonna give him to somebody else to get the hell outta Lincoln Downs, and the horse won again," Allard says. "And every time I went back to the barn, it seemed like there was another owner standin' there, sayin', 'Geez, Ned–I'd like to give you a few horses.' "

Handy left. Allard stayed and made a run at the Lincoln Downs training title without formally requesting stalls. "I'll never forget [racing secretary] Ted Dooley calling me in and congratulating me on a wonderful meet," Allard says.

Of course, like that owner, Dooley offered up a question about the future.

"Do you know anything about a stall application?"

And that was Allard's start as a trainer.

The gift of altered plans: Devotion to a bottom-level claimer kept Allard planted, gave him access to Campbell, Costello and Fuller, thus Mom's Command; later Charlie Matses, Phillip Torsney, Millicent Johnsen.

In the fall of '81, Fuller homebred Shananie found Allard's barn and later won two stakes. The following June, Campbell entered the fray by spending $14,000 on 4-year-old maiden Ski Resort from a

Horses of Racing Age sale at Belmont Park. Allard had gotten a line on the colt through Rick Violette, who'd galloped for Ned before moving to New York.

"He's a really nice horse," Allard recalls the tout, "who needs some special attention to his rear end."

He often showed that side to rivals, winning his first three starts for Allard and Campbell and 13 races total, feats eventually obscured by a chestnut filly down the shedrow. Fuller had horses in New York with Bobby Lake, in Maryland with Odie Clelland, but fed a pipeline of racing promise into Allard's New England stables. Along came homebred Mom's Command, by Top Command out of the Pia Star-sired Star Mommy, twice a winner.

That Mom's Command debuted in Rockingham's Faneuil Miss Stakes that summer of 1984 owed more to opportunity than belief, Allard says. They'd planned to start the 2-year-old in a maiden special weight but detoured after jockey Abby Fuller, the owner's daughter, began serving a suspension.

Graded stakes winner Always Sunshine, trained by Ned Allard through six seasons, has won four of eight starts this year at age 9.

"Abby was getting on horses for me and starting to ride a lot," Allard says. "And then Mom's Command's half-sister [Mom's Ice Cream, by Far North] was selling in Kentucky."

Fuller being Fuller, he aimed high.

"Wouldn't it be great if we could get some black type for this filly? It would really help her sister sell," he told Allard.

"Black type?" Allard replied. "We haven't even run her yet."

"Well, they've got that little stake at Rockingham. Why don't we consider that?"

Mom's Command waited for Abby but otherwise hurried. She won her debut (at 44-1) and a Suffolk Downs stakes in her follow-up, and cued her handlers to aim higher. Mom's Ice Cream sold for $90,000, but never raced.

The rise of Mom's Command illuminated Fuller's nonconformist ways. Born into wealth, he'd embraced philanthropy: Three days after Rev. Martin Luther King's assassination, Fuller sent Dancer's Image to Bowie and donated the winning Governor's Cup purse to widow Coretta Scott King; Fuller also established youth sports and education programs in Boston and elsewhere. A sickly child, he became a high school wrestler, later an amateur boxing champ. And as Mom's Command became a serious racehorse fit to find any high-powered stable, the loyal Fuller entertained none of it. Mom's Command made graded-stakes trips to New York, Maryland and California the balance of her rookie season, leaving each time from Allard's New England quarters.

Maryland's Donald Barr, a native New Englander training there in the mid-'80s, says her ascent redefined the possibilities for him and other horsemen. The filly brought them more than pride, Barr says; it gave them hope.

He adds: "Very few horses in New England were able to leave and win a graded stakes. We had good horses in New England, but they came *to* New England . . . You look back then, they didn't have any colts like her. She happened to be a filly, but she was the best horse in New England."

As Mom's Command roared into her 3-year-old season, a strangeness teased Allard's words: bravado. Sure she'd won the 1-mile Acorn-G1, the turf scribes granted, but a New York filly Triple Crown winner must next confront the 1⅛-mile Mother Goose-G1 and then the 1½-mile Coaching Club American Oaks-G1. Mom's Command's sire, Top Command, preferred a mile. What kind of conveyance would she need to get those trips?

Allard laughed as if he knew.

"I had never had the feeling before, and I haven't had it since," he says. "But when she started going long, she was so dominant with such ease, I couldn't imagine a 3-year-old filly in the country that could beat her."

Mom's Command won the Mother Goose and the CCA Oaks to complete the sweep. And tacked on Saratoga's 1¼-mile Alabama-G1. She won seven of nine starts that year, was second in the other two and won the 3-year-old filly championship over future Horse of the Year Lady's Secret. Mom's Command's racing legacy: 16-11-2-1, $902,972.

Seventy-five-year-old Ned Allard says he would not have changed the way 39-year-old Ned Allard trained the filly, with one possible exception.

"When we stopped on her, the offers were tremendous from people that wanted to buy her," he says. "And there really was no reason why she couldn't have come back and run as a 4-year-old or a 5-year-old because, relatively, she was really a very sound horse. But insurance was through the roof, and Peter wanted to insure her for a lot of money. And, back then, you almost couldn't even earn enough money to pay her insurance rate."

Fuller sold a half-interest in Mom's Command to New York-based Jayeff B Stable for $4 million as part of an alternate-year foal-keeping agreement. Of the mare's 15 foals, Jayeff B auctioned for $27,000 the yearling that became her lone stakes winner, Jonesboro (by Sefapiano).

After Mom's Command turned to motherhood at Fuller's Runnymede Farm in North Hampton, N.H., Campbell and Allard too diversified. In 1988, Campbell bought Waldemar Farm in Williston, Fla., renamed it Stonehedge Farm South and started breeding almost exclusively in

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Ned Allard talks shop with jockey/exercise rider Carol Cedeno in his Delaware Park barn.

Florida. Two years later, Allard left New England for Philadelphia Park and closer access to richer offerings. The move paid off: From 1990 to 2016, his horses won 85 stakes.

Campbell provided most of the big shots: Friel's for Real took the Grade 3 Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff Handicap and five other stakes. Pleasant Dilemma, Ask Shananie and Von Groovey won multiple stakes. And Marilyn's Madness delivered the connections four repeat stakes winners herself: Magical Madness and Touched by Madness (both by Sword Dance-Ire), Unreal Madness (Unreal Zeal) and Sejm's Madness (Sejm). Sired by Shananie, Fuller's onetime stakes hero, Marilyn's Madness bridged Allard's allegiances to his New England comrades.

Allard Achievements

First Win: 1970

Lifetime Wins: 2,732 (through Oct. 8)

Graded Stakes Winners: Mom's Command (1984-85), Fuller's Folly (1988), Miss Indy Anna (1993), Friel's for Real (2004), Always Sunshine (2016)

Streaker: Won 30 or more races for 31 consecutive years, 1982-2012.

100-win seasons: Two (1987 and 1988)

With his Florida deployment, Campbell started racing more of his horses there (primarily with trainer Kathleen O'Connell) to take advantage of state-bred bonuses, a change Allard understood and endorsed. Where Campbell-owned runners routinely occupied more than a dozen Allard stalls, they numbered about five of his 18 at Delaware Park by September's end.

One, homebred Always Sunshine (West Acre—Sunny Again, by Awesome Again), reached Allard in 2015, debuted in the rain at Parx and made a splash at 5 furlongs, winning in 58.44 seconds. Later that 3-year-old season, he took the Dave's Friend at Laurel Park, then Pimlico's Grade 3 Maryland Sprint Handicap at 4, Saratoga's Tale of the Cat and one other stakes at 6, Mountaineer's Sen. Robert C. Byrd Memorial at 7.

The Byrd marked his 30th start. Possibly, the stable considered, his last.

Always Sunshine developed "minor" issues, Allard says, the kind that become magnified in an older horse. Absent a roadmap to resumption, the horse went raceless in 2020.

"You weren't sure what you were bringing him back for," Allard says. "You just had to train him to see what kind of horse you had when you brought him back. And he was actin' like a 3-year-old, never mind a 9-year-old."

Always Sunshine resumed by winning a Laurel Park optional claimer sprint in January 2021.

"As a colt, up until he was 5, he could be a little obnoxious and a little headstrong," Allard says. "He was all a young man. And then we cut him a little late in life . . . and he's like an old lead pony. Nothin' bothers him. He's just quiet, relaxed, like a little old man that still has a young man in him."

Second and third in two stakes tries since, Always Sunshine had hit the board in his first seven starts of 2021, defying age and circumstance: The non-sweater won back-to-back in July and August as he and Allard managed ways to beat the heat. Then came an October hiccup, when he whacked the starting gate at Belmont Park, rushed into contention and faded, which did nothing to sully his overall record (38-14-6-7, $777,900) or Allard's admiration.

"He's just been a real joy all year," the trainer says.

Even now, a thirst for work whets Allard's words, expressions, movements. He's found familiar comfort at Delaware

Top: Ned and his wife/assistant M.C. confer over some details while a charge grazes at Delaware Park. Bottom: Allard and Aubrie Green get ready to go to work in the Delaware paddock.

Park, the way he found it most anywhere the call has taken him. He owned a home once, decades ago, in Winthrop, Mass., before he went to Rocketts Mill Farm in Doswell, Va., to check on Mom's Command and other horses being broken for Fuller and Campbell. There he met Mary Catherine Dapanicis, a Virginia Tech graduate and crackerjack show rider who became his wife, and more, 32 years ago.

"My assistant and my right hand," Allard says. "She's a great gal and a hard worker."

Of their perfectly footloose life as Wilmington, Del., renters, he says, "Since we moved down here, we always felt like this might not be the last place we're gonna be. So you've got the gypsy in you. You've gotta go where your horses fit. So it's really difficult to try to settle down, and then the next thing you know, you've got to move."

That's how the old-timers operated, guys like Handy who found a distinctive rhythm to the seasons judged more by racetrack than climate. Allard says Handy hasn't lost his spunk at 98: He recently phoned congratulations to his old protege on another winner, saying, "Musta been amateur day."

The times they had, Allard says. Which reminds him . . .

He's at Bowie one December with Handy, early 1960s, meets a young racetracker he likes a lot. She invites him over for supper with her family, asks Ned during dinner about his parents. He gives them the story about his dad and his work with Toscanini, says if they want to see him, coincidentally, they can watch NBC's *Bell Telephone Hour* at 7. Tacitly, he knows "The Nutcracker Suite" awaits, and his father's bass-clarinet solo.

Sensing the girl's father's disregard for racetrack doings, Ned thinks his dad's artistic prowess will help gain him currency. The moment comes. The camera spotlights but does not identify Joe Allard.

"There he is," Ned pronounces with a pointed finger. "There's my dad."

"That's it!" the girl's father exclaims. "I've heard enough! He's so full o' sh--, this guy!"

Ned finishes the tale: "He kicked me outta the house."

He and the young woman went into the backyard, he says, climbed aboard ponies, rode back to Bowie and made separate tracks thereafter.

He laughs too at the prospect of retirement, saying, "I used to tell Peter [Fuller], 'If I ever retire, it'll be fun to have a few horses to train.'"

The work and the road still enthrall him. One week in June, he drove from Delaware to Pimlico and back on a Saturday (142 miles roundtrip), to Parx and back on a Monday (114 miles), to Belmont Park and back on a Thursday (292 miles).

"Wherever they go," he says, "I'll be there to saddle 'em."

Not in any hood-adorned dazzler, either, but a plain silver Hyundai aiming straight for Shangri-la. ✷

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The sales-topper, a colt by Mendelssohn, reached $235,000 on a bid by Scanlon Training and Sales.

FASIG-TIPTON

Carrying On

Region's breeders, consignors shine at strong fall yearling sale

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Sara Gordon

At its first sale since the death of co-founder Richard Golden in September, Northview Stallion Station did everybody proud–topping the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale with a $235,000 Mendelssohn colt, putting two horses in the top 10 and checking in as the second-leading consignor by gross with $1,057,500.

The Maryland farm's general manager David Wade took it in stride, but also made sure he recorded the sales-topper in the ring and mentioned Golden's name pretty quickly in a post-sale conversation.

"I actually thought about it a lot yesterday with some of the horses that we did well with and some that we were struggling with because I would have gotten calls for both of them," said Wade. "When Mr. Golden stepped in and bought that property [in 1989] with Mrs. [Allaire] duPont and Tom Bowman and Bob Levy was involved at one point, it just kind of gave a big boost for Maryland and you can feel it again. Mr. Golden's son Michael took the reins two years ago and is doing great things with the farm. It gives us all hope going forward."

Colts like Hip 415 will do that as well.

Purchased by Golden's Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds at Keeneland November as a weanling, the chestnut turned into a strong pinhook as he more than doubled his $100,000 purchase price. The colt will get another chance at pinhook glory as 2-year-old specialist Scanlon Training and Sales made the purchase by outlasting several others while bidding from the back wall inside the pavilion.

"Very athletic, big beautiful walk on him, big nice bone," Dave Scanlon said while ticking off reasons to like the colt, whose two hind socks and light mane would make even the most amateur of judges look. "I just thought he'd be a nice horse coming to the future as a 2-year-old–nice big hip, great mover, good horse who would train up nice. We'll train him, get him started, see how he fits. He's such big mature horse, and could be [a prospect for] Miami or could be back here."

Wade saw much of that same potential when he purchased the colt, bred in Kentucky by Marcus Stables, at Keeneland nearly 11 months earlier.

"Just an incredibly nice-looking horse," he said. "Ashley Franz bred the horse and I talked to her after we bought him and she was happy we had gotten the horse. At the time we weren't sure if we would try to sell here or sell down in Kentucky, but over time we decided to sell here and we'd try to be a little bit of a bigger fish."

From the first crop of his sire, a half-brother to leading stallion Into Mischief and multiple champion Beholder, and a deep female family including Grade 1 winners Plenty of Grace and Soaring Softly among others, Hip 415 could swim anywhere he wanted. He edged another Mendelssohn colt, Hip 189 from the Dreamtime Stables consignment, by $5,000 for the top spot as five yearlings sold for $200,000 or more.

The big prices helped fuel strong increases among the two-session sale's statistical categories despite a smaller catalog than 2020. The Oct. 4 opener went to Hip 200, with the next day completing the lineup at 514 including a supplement for total sales of $11,269,400. That gross was more than $2 million (24 percent) above 2020, and just the beginning of a strong report. The average increased 23 percent to $29,578. The median jumped 43 percent to $20,000. The buy-back rate dropped to 16 percent from 22.

"I would say it exceeded expectations," said Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett. "You kind of hope. My big thing is I hoped we could stay where we were last year. Last year, even though it was a Covid kind of thing, we were still there and we exceeded that. That was huge. For the median to be up 43 percent, that's amazing."

Bennett paid credit to consignors, many of them regional, bringing quality horses to the sale over the last several years which in turn drives buyer participation and–eventually–pricetags.

"We're only as good as what people send to us and we've been supported by out-of-town consignors, but we have a lot of the Midlantic breeders/consignors here too and the top seven prices were sold by them. They all brought good horses, they were well-received and they were rewarded."

The top seven were indeed sold by area consignors–Northview (two), Dreamtime, Dark Hollow Farm, Becky Davis, Chanceland Farm and GreenMount Farm–with five of the seven bred in Maryland. Bennett was especially proud of the increased median and decreased buy-back rate.

"People want horses, everybody, at all levels," she said. "People are hungry for horses which is good for us and good for the breeders and everybody that brings horses here."

The six-figure prices attract the attention, but there's far more to a Thoroughbred marketplace and any recent sales-industry conversation typically turns to the middle of the market—those horses around that median number Bennett was so proud of. A strong middle means income for breeders, which in turn fuels the next year's crop and so on. For the first time in a long time, the middle drew positive comments.

"It's better than it has been," said Wade. "We brought horses here this year that brought more money than we thought that they would. That's not meaning they brought more than they should bring, it's just that that part of the market's been missing for the last few years."

Supply and demand play roles, but so do higher purses at racetracks, state breeder/owner incentives.

"We're breeding less Thoroughbreds now than we have in decades and purses have never been higher, so why not?" Wade said about the return of the middle. "The people who have survived the storm of the last several years are getting rewarded . . . breeding declined, a lot of people got knocked out of the business. The middle deserves to come back. You get a lot of good horses in the middle."

Scanlon buys to sell, and called the 2021 sales climate hard work.

"For the right horse, it's been very good," he said. "With a proper horse, they lead the right one over here you've got to pay for them. Hopefully it carries over to the 2-year-old market. You've got to figure out what your comfort level is. There's a little bit of hope in there, you've got to say, 'Well I hope the market holds out for the 2-year-olds.' At the same time, it's a game of chance. If you don't have a horse you can't play it."

Dark Hollow Farm sold nine yearlings for $659,000, topping all consignors by average at $73,222 in a sales-season where the Maryland farm didn't take yearlings to Kentucky sales. The Timonium receipts included a $220,000 Union Rags colt, a $9,000 Irish War Cry colt and plenty somewhere in between. Mid-Atlantic trainer Dale Capuano bid $77,000 to acquire a Maryland-bred West Coast for client Mopo Racing.

"When I go to Kentucky, very few of those horses ever make it back to

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PALACE MALICE
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CHANCELAND FARM
STALLS
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Becky Davis Agent, Inc.
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Bay filly
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Maryland-breds accounted for 11 of the 16 six-figure sales yearlings, offered by six consignors. The group included (clockwise from top left): Blake-Albina's Cloud Computing colt ($145,000), Sally Thomas' Divining Rod colt ($115,000), Chanceland Farm's Street Sense filly ($200,000), Becky Davis' Nyquist filly ($200,000), Dark Hollow Farm's Union Rags colt ($220,000) and GreenMount Farm's Tiznow filly ($150,000).

LEADING CONSIGNORS

Gross Sales

Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (55)	$1,178,200
Northview Stallion Station, agt. (34)	1,057,500
Becky Davis, agt. (25)	937,500
Dreamtime Stables, agt. (17)	793,000
Dark Hollow, agt. (9)	659,000
Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, agt. (10)	627,000
Bill Reightler, agt. (35)	606,500
Chanceland Farm, agt. (13)	553,400
Vinery Sales, agt. (19)	553,000
Scott Mallory, agt. (9)	459,700

Average Sales (3 or more sold)

Dark Hollow, agt. (9)	$73,222
Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, agt. (10)	62,700
Scott Mallory, agt. (9)	51,078
Dreamtime Stables, agt. (17)	46,647
Indian Creek, agt. (7)	42,814
Chanceland Farm, agt. (13)	42,569
Becky Davis, agt. (25)	37,500
Stuart Morris, agt. (9)	35,111
Sally Thomas, agt. (10)	34,500
Greenmount Farm, agt. (9)	33,611

LEADING BUYERS

Cary Frommer (7)	$697,000
Cash Is King (4)	405,000
Grassroots Training & Sales (12)	390,000
Novogratz Racing Stables (Mac Robertson, agt.) (4)	382,000
Thorostock (7)	290,000
Team Fun (5)	278,000
Scanlon Training and Sales (2)	265,000
Oracle Bloodstock, agt. (1)	230,000
SBM (2)	225,000
James R. Layden, agt. (7)	188,000

LEADING SIRES

Gross Sales

Mendelssohn (3)	$625,000
Great Notion (19)	577,000
Cross Traffic (10)	386,500
Union Rags (2)	320,000
Malibu Moon (5)	315,000
Hoppertunity (12)	308,000
Cloud Computing (3)	245,000
Divining Rod (10)	235,700
Tiznow (3)	232,000
Twirling Candy (3)	227,000

Average Sales (3 or more sold)

Mendelssohn (3)	$208,333
Cloud Computing (3)	81,667
Tiznow (3)	77,333
Twirling Candy (3)	75,667
Good Magic (3)	66,333
Malibu Moon (5)	63,000
Munnings (3)	60,000
Frosted (4)	55,000
Kantharos (4)	51,750
Tapwrit (3)	45,667

Maryland to race," said Dark Hollow's David Hayden. "I'm looking at down the road. The horse you sell to Dale for 77, he's a great trainer, he's going to win races. Here's a potential $30,000 to $60,000 to us if he wins a couple races and earns a couple hundred thousand. That's important. You have to look at that, you have to factor that in. We're thinking a lot more about selling yearlings in Maryland.

"It just goes to show you. You bring the proper horse to Timonium, you get proper money. We had two or three that were not going to ring the bell in Kentucky and they did here."

Hip 113 led the way for Dark Hollow, selling for $220,000 to lead the first session for a bit on a bid by Mac Robertson on behalf of Novogratz Racing Stables. The Union Rags colt hails from a rich Dark Hollow family through his first three dams Safe Journey, Safe At the Plate and Safely Home. The latter produced Hall of Famer Safely Kept, while others in the more immediate family include the colt's stakes-winning half-siblings O Dionysus and Joy.

"It's really rewarding," Hayden said of the extended family. "I have to sit down and think if this is the fifth generation or the fourth but it's all back there. We can tell the family story on all of them."

Another deep Maryland family took its star turn in the ring when Hip 295, a Street Sense filly out of Belterra consigned by Chanceland Farm, sold to Chuck Zacney's Cash Is King stable. On the phone with Fasig-Tipton's Peter Penny, Zacney put an end to some incremental back-and-forth just beyond $150,000 with a $200,000 bid. Somewhere in there, Penny–phone to his ear–held up two fingers as the numbers went to $165,000. The bidding briefly went to $167,000, then $172,000 and finally the $200,000 Penny and Zacney intended. The move quickly thwarted any other bidders.

"At $150,000 I was dying," said Chanceland's Katy Voss. "They started going in $2,000 increments and I was thinking, 'Should I bid?' It crossed my mind that maybe I should raise my hand and then it turned out all right in the end."

Voss "would have loved" to have kept the dark bay filly to train (and own), but also knew she was the best option to sell given her pedigree and potential. Her dam Belterra won a Grade 2 for Bob Manfuso and produced stakes horses Taketheodds and Mine Not Mine plus Sheave, the dam of 2016 Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Cathryn Sophia.

"She's really nice, one of the last ones that Bob bred," said Voss of the yearling. "That was his thing. He loved Street Sense and he loved Belterra. I still have two mares out of Belterra [Taketheodds and Get Set Go], but they aren't this filly. She's total class, a beautiful mover. I don't know how many people looked at her, but it was a lot."

Cash Is King bought Cathryn Sophia for $30,000 in 2014, and watched her win six of nine and earn $1,229,720 on the track before selling for $1.4 million as a broodmare prospect.

Dreamtime's Mendelssohn colt topped the first day and just missed lasting throughout as Oracle Bloodstock's Conor Foley made the $230,000 winning bid. Bred in Kentucky by Classic Thoroughbred, the colt is a brother to the stakes-placed Maryland-bred filly Juror Number Four (a daughter of Into Mischief). Both are out of Tasha's Moon, also a Classic Thoroughbred product who raced for Candy Stables and partners before joining the broodmare band at Herb and Ellen Moelis' CandyLand Farm in Delaware. Juror Number Four brought $100,000 at

TOP-PRICED YEARLINGS

Colts

$235,000. Ch.c., Mendelssohn—Grace Is Gone, by Malibu Moon (Ky.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt.; Scanlon Training and Sales.

$230,000. B.c., Mendelssohn—Tasha's Moon, by Malibu Moon (Ky.); Dreamtime Stables, agt. VIII; Oracle Bloodstock, agt.

$220,000. B.c., Union Rags—Safe Journey, by Flatter (Md.); Dark Hollow, agt.; Novogratz Racing Stables, Mac Robertson, agt.

$120,000. Gr./ro.c., Munnings—Compulsion, by Pioneerof the Nile (N.Y.); Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agt. II; New Day Training Center.

$115,000. B.c., Twirling Candy—Plum, by Pure Prize (Md.); Dark Hollow, agt.; Cary Frommer.

$115,000. B.c., Divining Rod—Written Request, by Arch (Md.); Sally Thomas, agt.; Lael Stables.

$115,000. Gr./ro.c., Liam's Map—Zooey, by Exchange Rate (Ky.); Scott Mallory, agt. XI; Team Fun.

$100,000. B.c., Union Rags—Joy, by Pure Prize (Md.); Dark Hollow, agt.; Cary Frommer.

$95,000. Gr./ro.c., Dialed In—Basedonatruestory, by Broken Vow (Md.); Country Life Farm and Partners, Bill Reightler, agt.; Grassroots Training & Sales LLC.

$95,000. B.c., Malibu Moon—Double Harbor, by Rockport Harbor (Ky.); Sally Thomas, agt.; Country Life Farm, agt.

$85,000. Gr./ro.c., Frosted—Vielsalm, by Fairbanks (Md.); Becky Davis Inc., agt.; Cary Frommer.

$82,000. B.c., Tapwrit—Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours (W.Va.); Scott Mallory, agt. IV; David Raim, Jeff Runco, agt.

$80,000. Dk.b./br.c., Mor Spirit—Corinnaise, by Corinthian (Md.); Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agt. I; Cary Frommer.

$77,000. Dk.b./br.c., West Coast—Dr. Diamonds Prize, by Pure Prize (Md.); Dark Hollow, agt. VI; Mopo Racing.

Fillies

$200,000. Dk.b./br.f., Street Sense—Belterra, by Unbridled (Md.); Chanceland Farm, agt.; Cash Is King.

$200,000. B.f., Nyquist—How My Heart Works, by Not For Love (Md.); Becky Davis Inc., agt.; Cary Frommer.

$160,000. Ch.f., Mendelssohn—Split It, by Curlin (Md.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt.; Caroline and Greg Bentley, Donato Lanni, agt.

$150,000. B.f., Tiznow—Pinkprint, by Not For Love (Md.); Greenmount Farm, agt.; SBM.

$145,000. B.f., Cloud Computing—Martini, by Yes It's True (Md.); Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agt. I; Newtown Anner Stud.

$125,000. Dk.b./br.f., Hard Spun—Fairytale Ending (Ire), by Galileo (Ire) (Ky.); Audley Farm Equine; Cambus-Kenneth Farm, P. Lawley-Wakelin, agt.

$120,000. Gr./ro.f., Cross Traffic—Slow And Steady, by Malibu Moon (Md.); Dreamtime Stables, agt. VII; Greg Tatum, Bill Reightler, agt.

$110,000. B.f., Tonalist—Quant, by War Front (Md.); Indian Creek, agt.; Cash Is King.

$95,000. Ch.f., Malibu Moon—Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun (Md.); Dreamtime Stables, agt. XII; Novogratz Racing Stables, Mac Robertson, agt.

$90,000. B.f., Good Magic—Anydayismyday, by Afleet Alex (Md.); Glenangus Farm LLC, Becky Davis Inc., agt.; De Meric Sales.

$90,000. Gr./ro.f., Cross Traffic—Skinner Box, by Freud (Ky.); Stuart Morris, agt. I; Thorostock LLC.

$75,000. Dk.b./br.f., Connect—Well, by Well Decorated (Ky.); Marshall W. Silverman, agt.; SBM.

Timonium in 2019 while a Super Saver filly sold for $20,000 last year.

This 2021 yearling carried plenty of sire power, and more.

"Vet report, athleticism, the way he looks, the way he walks, the way he acts," said Dreamtime's Mike Palmer, checking off reasons for the sales price. "And there's no sire, new sire, that's hotter than Mendelssohn."

Based at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Kentucky, Mendelssohn was represented by three horses in the sale–the top two plus a $160,000 filly purchased by agent Donato Lanni for Pennsylvania owners/breeders Greg and Caroline Bentley from Northview.

Sold for the Moelises and Jim Ferguson, the colt was headed to the stable of trainer Ray Handal and–as Palmer put it–a good example of the sale's general health.

"It's just been a good horse sale," he said. "We're trading. You walk up there with a reasonable reserve, you're going to get your horse sold. You've got to be reasonable about your reserves, and you've got to be reasonable with the horse you're bringing here. There are too many astute horsemen down here who know what they're looking at. I don't think Maryland gets enough credit for the horsemen who are here, for the horsemanship. The horses they raise here, the horses they train here. I think we breed racehorses."

Dreamtime is the successor to consignments sold under the CandyLand banner for years at Timonium and other sales as the Moelises decrease their involvement in the business. Even if the name was different, the results didn't change much as Dreamtime dotted the upper reaches of the results report.

"The opportunity that the Moelises have given me to showcase a new operation, or a new name, I promised myself and them that I wasn't going to go down here and embarrass us and we haven't," Palmer said. "The horses looked good and they sold well. My crew at the farm has to put up with me, directing traffic and orchestrating the operation but by no means have I backed off the way we did things from the beginning."

Dreamtime sold 17 yearlings for $793,000 to find a spot among the leaders by gross and average. Other highlights included a $120,000 Cross Traffic filly purchased by Bill Reightler for Greg Tatum and a $95,000 Malibu Moon filly who went to Robertson and Novogratz.

Sales Notebook

Marshall Silverman topped all consignors by gross at $1,178,200 from 55 yearlings sold. The squad included Hip 505–a daughter of Connect and a half-sister to Grade 2 winner and Maryland freshman sire Kobe's Back and Grade 3 winner Well Spelled. Susan Montagne's SBM Sales made the $75,000 purchase. Silverman put three others at $65,000 or more. SBM also spent $150,000 to purchase a Maryland-bred Tiznow filly from GreenMount Farm. The filly's dam Pinkprint is a half-sister to 2021 Horse of the Year candidate Knicks Go.

Cary Frommer led all buyers by gross at $697,000 for seven yearlings. She spent $200,000 to buy Hip 441, a Nyquist filly, from the consignment of Becky Davis, and bought two for six figures from Dark Hollow. Davis wound up with sale's third-leading consignor by gross with 25 sold for $937,500. She also wound up in the hospital with a concussion and other injuries when struck by a yearling in a stall.

Underneath Mendelssohn's gaudy numbers, Maryland stalwart Great Notion sired 19 yearlings who sold for $577,000 to hold a clear second among the stallions. Divining Rod's 10 yearlings sold for $235,700. ✷

TWO-YEAR FIGURES

	2021	2020
Offered	456	484
Sold	381	379
% Not Sold	16.4%	21.7%
Gross	$11,269,400	$9,120,700
Average	$29,578	$24,065
Median	$20,000	$14,000

Midlantic Fall Yearling sales: a 10-year comparison

	Gross	Average	Sold	Buy-back %	Sales topper
2012	$6,166,100	$22,341	276	15.3 percent	$300,000. Moonstone Magic gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon— Never Fail, by Holy Bull; consigned by Audley Farm Equine LLC, Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agent; purchased by Ellen M. Charles
2013	$7,469,900	$25,847	289	13.7 percent	$250,000. Jambles, b.c., Quality Road—Chalonnaise, by French Deputy; consigned by CandyLand, agent IV; purchased by Bortolazzo Stables
2014	$6,023,900	$21,905	275	27.6 percent	$260,000. Charmed Victory, b.c., Flatter—American Victory, by Victory Gallop; consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; purchased by Hillwood Stable LLC
2015	$5,228,800	$19,083	274	25.3 percent	$200,000. Shimmering Aspen, gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon— Aspenglow, by Lion Hearted; consigned by CandyLand, agent III; purchased by Ellen M. Charles
2016	$6,436,600	$24,017	268	17.0 percent	$450,000. First Mondays, ch.c., Curlin—Formalities Aside, by Awesome Again; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Charles J. Zacney
2017	$7,855,100	$25,177	312	29.1 percent	$300,000. World Affairs, dk.b./br.c., Cairo Prince— Current Event, by Curlin; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Eisaman Equine
2018	$7,318,700	$21,653	332	21.8 percent	$210,000. Kiss the Girl, b.f., Into Mischief—Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun; consigned by CandyLand, agent II; purchased by Three Diamonds Farm
2019	$7,275,900	$24,253	300	21.2 percent	$190,000. My Oath, b.c., Honor Code—Mrs. Vanderbilt, by Citidancer; consigned by Bill Reightler, agent; purchased by Seagull Capital, Tim Hills, agent
2020	$9,161,200	$24,172	379	21.7 percent	$270,000. Torpedo Run, ch.c., Gun Runner—Stormy Tak, by Stormy Atlantic; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Lambe Bloodstock
2021	$11,269,400	$29,578	381	16.4 percent	$235,000. ch.c., Mendelssohn—Grace Is Gone, by Malibu Moon; consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade); purchased by Scanlon Training and Sales

In 2004, a colt by Silver Deputy sold at this sale for $500,000 to set a record for the most expensive horse sold at public auction in Maryland and remains the most expensive yearling sold. The current record price for a horse of any age sold at public auction in Maryland is $1.8 million for Gamine, a bay filly by Into Mischief consigned by Bobby Dodd, agent, who sold at the 2019 May 2-year-olds in Training Sale.

Hope from Loss

Wasabi Ventures partners join together to sponsor Charles Town retiree

By Sara Gordon

Even in the sport of kings, a world highlighted by trips to the winner's circle, blankets of flowers, gleaming trophies, crowds of cheering fans and proud connections joined together in victory, tragedy strikes. Hard and fast, like a lightning strike, with enough force to break hearts, raise questions and deplete faith.

But just as resilient Thoroughbred racehorses rally to win races or persist despite tiring, the people behind them can turn the darkness of loss into a beacon of hope. And no story better exemplifies that than the one of Wasabi Ventures Stables, Shamrock Kid and Spooky Moon.

A different kind of horse

As Monmouth Park's 2020 race meet neared its end in October, Shamrock Kid caught the eye of Wasabi Ventures trainer Jesus "Jesse" Cruz.

Bred in New York by Margaret Carrothers, the Dublin gelding out of the stakes-placed Freud mare Good Habits sold as a yearling for $4,000 at Ocala Breeders' Sales Company in 2016. Sent back through the OBS ring as a 2-year-old, he joined Zilla Racing Stables for $57,000 the next June and made his first two starts that year at Belmont Park and Aqueduct. Switched from trainer Chad Summers to Brad Cox for his 3-year-old season, Shamrock Kid broke his maiden by a nose in his fifth start, a $40,000 maiden claimer at Aqueduct Nov. 7, 2018. Going into 2019 with a record of 1-2-1 from six starts, he continued his good fortune with in-the-money finishes as he moved to the allowance level, picking up a second and two thirds prior to his second win. The gelding won a $30,000 claimer May 12, 2019, and was claimed by trainer Rick Schosberg.

Shamrock Kid made eight starts for Clear Stars Stable and Schosberg, highlighted by an allowance victory at Belmont and a second in an allowance at Saratoga in 2019, before he changed hands again, claimed back by Zilla and trainer Orlando Noda last February for $25,000. He was claimed twice more, and moved from New York to New Jersey, before Cruz and TK Kuegler, Wasabi's founder and managing partner, took the chance to add him to their stable.

"He'd run really good numbers earlier in his life and then would sporadically run really well," said Cruz. "So with a horse like that, we went back and watched some replays, and the main reason I sold TK on claiming him was because he was still eligible for an a-other-than condition."

Claimed for $5,000 at Monmouth, where Shamrock Kid finished second by a head, he officially joined the Wasabi stable Oct. 10, 2020, with the plan to race him at Charles Town through the winter. But it wasn't just his speed figures and 24-start record of five wins, five seconds and five thirds that intrigued Cruz.

"I won a four-way shake on him or something like that, and one of my good friends, trainer Nick Caruso, drove me back to the barn area to pick him up. Honestly I know this sounds crazy but I was like, 'I think this is the best horse I've ever claimed,'" said Cruz. "I don't know what it was about him in the paddock but he was just a really nice horse and I kind of fell in love with him right away."

No one fell harder than Cruz's assistant trainer, and girlfriend, Grace Smith.

"I met him as soon as I started dating Jesse and I was just really attached to him, he had a personality that you were blessed to be around," said Smith. "Watching him break from the gate was so exciting, it gave me the chills, he was amazing to watch. He trained so easy all the time and he made everything look so easy."

Racing for nearly 50 co-owners as part of Wasabi's syndicate, Shamrock Kid won his first start off the claim, a 4½-furlong allowance, at Charles Town Nov. 20. Two weeks later, he moved up to 6½ furlongs and won a starter in early December, before closing out the year with a second, by a neck, in a 7-furlong starter allowance Dec. 19.

"In horse racing it's hard to get all those wins and to have this new-to-our-barn horse who's winning, you know back-to-back, it's exciting," said Michele Kuegler, TK's wife and Wasabi's director of aftercare and community. "He had personality and he had wins, and you know we love all of our horses, but he just had that something special."

Quickly earning the role of barn favorite, Shamrock Kid spent his nearly two-month winter break at Charles Town with Smith and Cruz.

"He was very different, in the sense that he was a very good racehorse, but he was [also] the most laid-back horse you could possibly see in the barn," said Cruz. "I know one day it was an absolute blizzard outside and Grace took him out and had reindeer ears on him and was taking

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Shamrock Kid won at Charles Town in November 2020 and was a big part of life in the Jesse Cruz barn, including moments with Grace Smith.

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pictures with him and stuff, while it was literally pumping snow, and he stood there like 'OK, whatever you want to do.'"

Returning in February for his 6-year-old season, Shamrock Kid started as the favorite in a 7-furlong starter allowance and finished fourth.

But a little over a month later, the dark bay gelding suffered a catastrophic injury while training the morning of St. Patrick's Day, March 17, and he was euthanized. In his 28 starts between 2017 and 2021, Shamrock Kid collected seven wins, six seconds and five thirds to earn a total of $262,687.

"I know exactly where I was, in my living room, and TK had just gone out to go on a walk and he came back like in 10 minutes and then I saw his face and I was like, 'What's wrong?' and he's like, 'Shamrock, he had to be put down,'" said Michele. "It was like, 'Oh man.' What bad karma, on of all days, and it was so awful but it was the right choice. He'd broken his cannon bone, but just a fluke, a simple fluke, and it was just a very dark day for our stable."

The news was a blow to Wasabi, but particularly to Smith and Cruz, who spent each day with Shamrock Kid since he'd entered their stable.

"He was an incredible, incredible horse and it broke our hearts, it broke me for a really long time. It was awful, I don't wish that on anybody. He just had a presence about him, he was really an amazing horse. He's one of those horses that you'll never forget," said Smith. "It's hard because you spend what feels like all day [with them], and with the night racing at Charles Town it technically was all day that you'd spend. Jesse would pull me out of his stall every night, like I'm sleeping with him there on the ground, so it just breaks my heart. But I was so lucky to be around him."

For 27-year-old Cruz, who grew up in the Charles Town area and went out on his own as a trainer in 2016, the loss of Shamrock Kid was a major blow, but also a lesson.

"As a trainer and a young trainer, you learn from every horse that you train. You learn. We can do this moving forward, we do this if this happens, we do this if that happens, if the horse has something here you can kind of try to do this, and you learn from your experience, and after the Shamrock situation, I told Grace, 'Shamrock, to that point, was the easiest horse I've ever trained,'" said Cruz. "He made me look really smart and I really didn't do anything different with him. There was never a question of, 'Oh let me change this and maybe it'll work,' he kind of went with the flow of everything and became a really good horse for us.

"So when he did have his injury, it was a situation where this is what he's teaching me, this is what I'm learning from him, and it's how to handle this, and it's probably the biggest lesson I've had as a trainer. I tell Grace all the time that he makes us better. I know it's the hardest thing I've had to go through in my career and very much so for her as well, but like I said, he makes me better in trying to read the signs and understand things a little differently."

Paying it Forward

Since taking over the role of Wasabi's director of aftercare and community, Michele has made efforts to engage and educate the club's nearly 900 members on the importance of aftercare in the Thoroughbred industry. Starting out by connecting with and writing about many of the Thoroughbred aftercare facilities east of the Mississippi, she has since implemented a system where she requests $5 donations from each co-owner when a horse leaves the stable with a positive return on investment.

"In our program, people buy into our horses and then that's it, we don't do monthly bills, and when a horse leaves our program and it's a negative return, [meaning] they're getting nothing back, it's just done, we don't charge them. But if a horse leaves having made money, then [the co-owners] get that money returned," said Michele. "So I started asking, I think about two years ago, 'When you get your money back, would you leave $5 for aftercare?' And it's really, really grown. For every horse that leaves our barn it's never less than 85-percent of the co-owners that donate $5 and then some of the other co-owners up theirs to $10 or $25."

Wasabi sends the money as a stipend to help support the horse when he or she enters an aftercare facility. In recent years, it has become more common for Wasabi horses to leave when claimed, and in that case, Michele pays it forward by sending the raised funds to an accredited aftercare facility in the state the horse raced in while part of the stable.

"We make donations to facilities like Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue and Foxie G when we run in Maryland," she said. "When we run in New Jersey we give it to New Beginnings, and those groups are always amazed that they're getting a check for $250 and there's no horse tied to it, you know it's just, 'Here's free money.' I really try to promote how vital aftercare is and at the stables, we really do try to make the best decisions for our horses and retire them safely."

Shamrock Kid's co-owners immediately started sharing ideas of how they might do something special with the money they'd get back from him, in hopes of honoring his memory by supporting a worthy cause. The idea of giving money to research was tossed around, but Michele encouraged the group to stick to Wasabi's practice of donating to a local aftercare facility and the contributions started rolling in from there.

"When I had all of the financials in place, I don't even know how much money people got back from him honestly, the very first person said, 'I'm giving $50,' and then the next person said, 'I'm giving $50,' and there was kind of this thread [from there]," said Michele. "Of course everyone's financials are different, but I didn't care if it was $5 or $50 or whatever."

The whatever turned into $1,450, and Michele reached out to Georgiana Pardo, president of Aftercare Charles Town, an organization founded in 2013 to help the track's horsemen find homes for horses retiring from racing.

"She reached out to me in late March about Shamrock Kid, and said that they had a relatively large donation and she asked me whether there was any kind of a special project that that could go toward," said Pardo.

The conversation went back and forth.

"Maybe your owners could translate that into helping with the rehab needs of a different horse," Pardo said.

"Do you have any that you're working on like that right now?" Michele asked.

Pardo had a couple, but brought up 4-year-old filly Spooky Moon specifically. The Wasabi partners handled the rest.

Second Chance

A dainty bay filly by Ghostly Minister out of the Numerous mare Numerous Moves, Spooky Moon was bred in West Virginia by Charles "Buck" Woodson Jr. The half-sister to multiple stakes winner We're in the Money made her debut last year as a 3-year-old, making five starts for owner Randall Conrad and trainer Javier Contreras, with her best finish a third in a $5,000-$4,500 maiden claimer at Charles Town Sept. 26.

Returning in January for new owner/trainer Stephen Reggetts, Spooky Moon finished second in her 4-year-old debut and followed up just over two weeks later with a maiden win while racing for a $4,500 tag. In early February, she finished second in her third start for Reggetts, but came up sore. A visit from the veterinarian and a fresh set of X-rays revealed a minimal shin fracture in her right front leg. With a prognosis of a full recovery without limitations, Reggetts decided to retire the 4-year-old filly and contacted Pardo to initiate a transition into one of ACT's partner aftercare facilities. Reggetts kept her on stall rest at his racetrack barn throughout the rest of February and March.

The stall rest took place around the same time Michele had contacted Pardo about donating the funds raised by Shamrock Kid's co-owners. But Wasabi's fundraising efforts were far from over. With $1,450 earmarked for Spooky Moon, Michele reached out to the 900 club members–not just Shamrock Kid's 50 or so owners.

"I wanted our whole club to know," she said. "I thought the rest of the group should hear how awesome this is."

Wasabi members jumped at the chance to help, and raised a quick $450 more. Michele called Pardo again and asked about the total cost of retraining and rehabilitation.

"She may need multiple sessions, but the first period of time there will be $2,500, maybe a little more," Pardo told her.

Michele went back to work, telling club members they were nearly there.

After Wasabi raised enough money to cover the remainder of Spooky Moon's rehabilitation, the filly was sent to ACT partner Thoroughbred Retirement, Rehabilitation and Careers in West Chester, Pa., to continue her recovery and take the next steps toward finding a new home.

"Hearing that the sponsorship was there, it was a no-brainer, I said, 'Yes, if she has that backing we'll take her in and get her everything she needs,' " said Nina Lyman, co-founder of TRRAC. "It was kind of emotional hearing the story of how the sponsorship came to be, and just knowing that there were a lot of caring owners and people that really wanted to contribute, which I think is really important in aftercare, especially in racing right now, to show that there are people that are really willing to sponsor horses and get them to where they're supposed to be."

Spooky Moon arrived on April 1 and quickly proved to be a star patient throughout a month of light hand-walking and stall rest, followed by a month of round-pen turnout and eventually a transition into a larger paddock. Her ability to rip off her bandages was the only bad habit the TRRAC staff found with the filly, whose sweet demeanor and calm nature impressed everyone that laid a hand on her.

"She was really quiet to handle, we never had more than a rope on her. We would take her out and she really loved to be groomed and loved peppermints, she ate really well, and she did fall asleep during her X-rays," said Lyman. "We have a 3-year-old son and he would go bring her hay and grass and she'd put her nose down. We also get visitors that'll donate to come visit the horses, kind of like Old Friends but we do it on a smaller scale, and they had a 9-month-old and she's just nuzzling him over, was very gentle with him, and it was like 'Wow, this is a really special filly, like one in a million.' She acted really calm and she was very well taken care of coming off the track."

After a final set of X-rays May 27 showed great healing, with the crack in Spooky Moon's shin hardly visible, a friend of Lyman's stopped by the farm and mentioned she knew someone looking for a horse, preferably a small mare. Proudly sporting the TRRAC freeze brand and microchip, Spooky Moon was officially adopted and loaded onto a trailer to move to her new home 20 minutes away by early June.

"She did very, very well with the sponsorship she got and the care [she received] and now being in this aftercare safety net, she's going to have a very bright future and a very good outlook on life," said Lyman. "We thank Wasabi Ventures very, very much for all of their team sponsoring, it really did mean a lot to us."

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Spooky Moon with her new owner.

A Lesson in Healing

They say time heals all, but for those who work with Thoroughbred racehorses, losing one is a wound on the heart that never entirely closes. For the Wasabi team, turning grief over losing Shamrock Kid into a project to ensure Spooky Moon's success in her second career jump-started the healing.

"I was emotional of course at first, but it made me feel so happy that we could help a horse like that who [deserved] the chance to succeed," said Smith. "I would've given any amount of money just to save Shamrock, so it was nice to be able to help another horse like that, who deserves to go on and have a second career and go on to do whatever she is meant to do with her new person. I love Wasabi for that, so much, they care so much as owners about the horses and where they are going to go next."

Though Shamrock Kid and Spooky Moon had nothing in common outside of both being foaled in April (two years apart) and racing at Charles Town, the impact they've had on people who knew them is inspirational. And Wasabi's efforts to honor one of its own by helping another only exemplifies the group's passion for horses.

"It makes you put into perspective that your job is more than just trying to get them over and getting them to run fast, you know it's a situation of when I look at a horse and say, 'Hey this is what we need to do, maybe he's not going to make it as a racehorse,' where I'm not hesitant to call my owners and tell them that," said Cruz. "When Michele texted that the group donated all this money to the aftercare program [for Spooky Moon], it made me feel that our group is the kind that you want to train horses for. They understand that each horse is an individual and each horse is more than just a racehorse."

Michele plans to continue growing the group's support of aftercare while also working on a new project: The Horse Fund. As of early summer, she was in the process of building the future non-profit to focus on educating the public about and raising funds to support Thoroughbred aftercare.

"I try to make sure the club understands how overwhelmed I am by their generosity, it's one of the most amazing things we've done as a club.

"We're a fine racing group but we're not like this crazy, high-end [partnership] where it's no big deal for people to give money. Our horses are fairly affordable is what I would say, so our club members have all sorts of salary ranges but as a group, to donate so generously, it's so amazing," said Michele.

"If I didn't have a club that supported it this way, I couldn't do the things we do. It's only because I have people that believe so firmly in aftercare, that truly love the horse, and it's not just the horse who's running, it's the horse when it's a foal or the horse that's going to retire and become a polo pony, or it's even just a horse in the field who can't do anything.

"It's only about the animal at the end of the day." ✷

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Horse of the People

Hot Rod Charlie shares the wealth in Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby triumph

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From Bensalem to Cleveland, La Quinta to Lexington, Southport to South Dakota, Hot Rod Charlie made a lot of people happy Sept. 25.

His owners consider him the "People's Horse," for the goodwill he is helping them spread off the track as much as the following he has developed while becoming one of the best racehorses in the country.

"People have fallen in love with what this horse represents," said Patrick O'Neill, the de facto leader of Boat Racing, a handful of 20-something Brown University football alumni and close friends whose words and deeds lead you to think maybe there is hope for the country after all.

In their beloved Hot Rod Charlie, O'Neill and his compatriots—Eric Armagost, Dan Giovacchini, Reiley Higgins and Alex Quoyeser—see an equine version of themselves: good athletes, but not superstars, who were able to combine athletic acumen with a dogged work ethic to maximize their ability, perhaps even to the point of becoming overachievers.

With his command performance in the Pennsylvania Derby-G1 at Parx Racing, however, Hot Rod Charlie—affectionately known as "Chuck"—may be spoiling that narrative. Every time he runs, he looks more and more like a star.

"He's a special horse," said trainer Doug O'Neill, Patrick's uncle. "He makes everyone—the exercise rider, the groom, the trainer, the owners—all look smarter than we are."

He also has a flair for the dramatic, though his human connections could live without it.

Hot Rod Charlie was disqualified from a win in the Grade 1 Haskell July 17 when he drifted in front of Midnight Bourbon, causing him to clip heels and lose jockey Paco Lopez. In the Pennsylvania Derby, there was almost an instant replay, thankfully without the unseating or the DQ.

After leading through honest fractions of :23.52, :47.07 and 1:10.76, Hot Rod Charlie and Flavien Prat again drifted

Hot Rod Charlie pulls away from the others in the Pennsylvania Derby, his first Grade 1 win after a series of near-misses.

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Top: Trainer Doug O'Neill kisses Hot Rod Charlie after the Pennsylvania Derby.
Bottom: O'Neill (left) gets a hand on the trophy along with jockey Flavien Prat and other connections.

out on the stretch turn, slightly impeding Midnight Bourbon, though it did not appear to cost him the race, with Charlie extending to win by 2¼ lengths in 1:48.63. Nonetheless, the inquiry and objection light went on and elation turned to trepidation in the Parx winner's circle.

"This can't be happening again," was the reaction of one of the owners, Bill Strauss, who had made the cross-country trip from his home in Del Mar, Calif. "It was the longest five minutes of my life."

The trainer was naturally concerned, though cautiously optimistic that the 7 would stay in the first position on the tote board.

"I was pretty confident there wouldn't be a change, but you never know what's going to happen when you have three umpires [stewards] making the call," Doug O'Neill said. "It added to the drama."

The result stood, much to the delight of Team Hot Rod Charlie and annoyance of Midnight Bourbon's trainer Steve Asmussen, who clearly wasn't thrilled to see his horse encounter trouble a second time at the hooves of the same perpetrator.

"You don't want him to be in that position again, because he doesn't deserve that," Asmussen said. "You're more than a little protective because of what's already happened to him."

Hot Rod Charlie's transgressions can likely be attributed more to mental issues than malicious intent. He still hasn't mastered the art of changing leads at the correct time and staying on the right one–something on which you can be sure Doug O'Neill has been working in advance of an expected start in the Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 6 at Del Mar.

Better to focus on what Hot Rod Charlie can do and has done. He has crossed the finish line first four times in 11 starts (through mid-October) with two seconds and three thirds. Thanks to the Haskell disqualification, the Pennsylvania Derby triumph was officially his first Grade 1 win, with career earnings of $2,171,200. Not bad for a horse who initially sold for $17,000 as a yearling in February 2019 and was subsequently bought by Dennis O'Neill–Doug's brother and Patrick's uncle–for $110,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale.

That's where the story gets interesting, starting with the fact that Dennis O'Neill typically focuses on the 2-year-old sales. He called Greg Helm, who had started Roadrunner Racing a few years prior with some friends from La Quinta Country Club in California: Suzie Burt, Mike and Dina Dargis, John and Joan Foster, and Dave and Terrie Mileski.

Helm and his wife, Glenna, have been involved in racing for about a dozen years, with their initial investment as 1 percent shareholders in a syndicate formed by Doug O'Neill. Helm initially wasn't interested in Dennis O'Neill's yearling purchase, but when he learned he is a half to Mitole (out of Indian Miss), who figured to have a very good chance to win the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 that year, he quickly changed his tune.

"OK, we'll take it," Helm told O'Neill, and Roadrunner was in for 50 percent.

Strauss, co-founder of ProFlowers, took 25 percent, leaving a quarter, which Dennis O'Neill offered to his nephew, who by that point had owned two horses with his fellow Bears. Impossible Task was claimed for $100,000 allowing them to break even; they lost Tell Me Im Pretty in a $5,000 claimer at Fonner Park, and you don't need a Brown economics degree to figure out they took a hit on that one.

"Two guys wanted to get out and two wanted to take one more shot," said Patrick O'Neill, who went into horse ownership with eyes wide open and had mixed feelings about introducing his closest friends to the thrills, and perils, of ownership.

"The perspective I had was my grandfather had lost his marriage and two houses," he said. "I grew up going to Hollywood, Del Mar, Santa Anita, and I loved it. But my dad [David] was hell-bent on me not being too much in love with it."

Patrick, who grew up in Hawaii, waited until he had graduated from college and was gainfully employed–at Founder Sports Group, where he is now vice president of sales and strategic partnerships–to get in the game and ask his teammates to invest. He knew that buying into the Oxbow colt would be a prudent move, especially if Mitole won the Breeders' Cup Sprint (which he did). His uncle Dennis knew that, too.

"He's my godfather, and we talk every day, but he told me the price was going up if Mitole won, so I had 24 hours to give him an answer," Patrick O'Neill said. Fortunately, the answer was yes and Boat Racing–named for a drinking game the guys played when they weren't studying or roaming Ivy League gridirons–took a piece of Hot Rod Charlie.

It took him four starts to break his maiden, but the trainer takes the blame. "A super-talented horse that I mismanaged," he said. "I had it in my mind that he would be an exceptional one-turn horse. And here we are."

After a maiden win going a mile at Santa Anita, the connections swung for the fences, running in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 at Keeneland. Sent off at 94-1, Hot Rod Charlie beat 12 horses, losing only to 2-year-old champion Essential Quality, whom he would meet again. Hot Rod Charlie opened his 3-year-old campaign with a third in the Robert B. Lewis-G3 before stamping himself as a Kentucky Derby-G1 contender with a front-running score in the Louisiana Derby-G2. Gainesway bought in after that race, setting the table for Hot Rod Charlie's future as a Kentucky stallion.

"As soon as he crossed the finish line, I knew the six-week run we were going on, but I don't think my friends knew," Patrick O'Neill said of the Kentucky Derby run-up. "I knew this was about to get nuts."

That was also the point that the Boat Racing crew decided to share the wealth.

"We were talking and Dan [Giovacchini] said that none of us feel like we deserve this [good fortune]," Patrick O'Neill said. "We caught lightning in a bottle. If we could do something good, how cool would that be. Life is about leaving a legacy beyond yourself. How could we do something for a cause better than ourselves?"

They decided to create the Sixth Man–after all, Giovacchini was a high-school basketball teammate of future pro Shabazz Napier–and give one-sixth of their earnings from Hot Rod Charlie to the Melanoma Research Alliance, in memory of Patrick's father and his uncle, Danny, both of whom died of the disease. To date, more than $50,000 has been donated.

Strauss, whose wife, Margie, was diagnosed with cancer this summer, decided to match Boat Racing's contributions. "You've got to give something back. When you're as fortunate as we are, I believe it's an obligation to share," he said.

The Roadrunner Racing group has pledged part of their earnings to Folds of Honor, an organization that gives scholarships to children or spouses of military who have been killed or wounded. La Quinta Country Club is a major supporter, raising more than $1 million for the cause.

And then there is Jake.

That would be Jake Panus, the son of The Jockey Club Media Ventures/America's Best Racing president Stephen Panus and his wife, Kellie. Jake was killed in a car accident Aug. 9, 2020. He was 16. It was an unspeakable tragedy that sent shockwaves through the horse racing industry due to Stephen's high-profile role and many connections.

Doug O'Neill has known Stephen for a long time. He reached out to say if there is anything he could do to help ease the family's pain, please count him in.

Stakes results for Parx Racing

9/6 **Roamin Rachel** ($100K). 6½ F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **CHUB WAGON** (b.f., 4, Hey Chub—Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart). B-Joe-Dan Farm and George Chestnut (Pa.). O-Daniel Lopez and George Chestnut. T-Guadalupe Preciado. J-Jomar Torres. Time: 1:17.91. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Pacific Gale**. 3rd: **Regal Retort**.

9/6 **Salvatore M. Debunda PTHA President's Cup** ($100K). 1⅛ mi. Off Turf, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **SWEET WILLEMINA** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Raison d'Etat—Williams Bay, by Kitten's Joy). B-Calumet Farm (Ky.). O-Richard Ciavardone and Home Team Stables. T-Scott A. Lake. J-Silvestre Gonzalez. Time: 1:54.47. Margin: 7. 2nd: **B B's Busted**. 3rd: **Tic Tic Tic Boom**.

9/25 **Cotillion-G1** ($1M). 1 1/16 mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **CLAIRIERE** (b.f., Curlin—Cavorting, by Bernardini). B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky.). O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Ricardo Santana Jr. Time: 1:44.31. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Obligatory**. 3rd: **Army Wife**.

9/25 **Pennsylvania Derby-G1** ($1M). 1⅛ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **HOT ROD CHARLIE** (dk.b./br.c., Oxbow—Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie). B-Edward A. Cox Jr. (Ky.). O-Boat Racing LLC, Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck), Roadrunner Racing and William Strauss. T-Doug F. O'Neill. J-Flavien Prat. Time: 1:48.63. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Midnight Bourbon**. 3rd: **Americanrevolution**.

9/25 **Gallant Bob-G2** ($300K). 6 F. 3YO.

Winner: **JACKIE'S WARRIOR** (b.c., Maclean's Music—Unicorn Girl, by A. P. Five Hundred). B-J & J Stables (Ky.). O-J. Kirk and Judy Robison. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Joel Rosario. Time: 1:08.64. Margin: 6¾. 2nd: **Pickin' Time**. 3rd: **Real Talk**.

9/25 **Turf Monster-G3** ($300K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **HOLLYWOOD TALENT** (dk.b./br.g., 10, Talent Search—Intrinsic Value, by Johannesburg). B-Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey (Pa.). O-King Star. T-Juan C. Vazquez. J-Ricardo Santana Jr. Time: :59.51. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Beer Can Man**. 3rd: **Admiral Abe**.

9/25 **Greenwood Cup-G3** ($200K). 1½ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **MAGIC MICHAEL** (ch.g., 4, Dramedy—Bear All, by Kitalpha). B-Aschinger Bloodstock Holdings LLC (Ky.). O-Morris E. Kernan Jr., Yo Berbs and Jagger Inc. T-Jamie Ness. J-Frankie Pennington. Time: 2:32.01. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Last Samurai**. 3rd: **Sheer Flattery**.

9/25 **Alphabet Soup** ($200K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **YOU MUST CHILL** (gr./ro.g., 5, Winchill—Only Me, by Runaway Groom). B-Mark Grier (Pa.). O-Morris E. Kernan Jr., Yo Berbs and Jagger Inc. T-Jamie Ness. J-Frankie Pennington. Time: 1:47.37. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Wait for It**. 3rd: **Someday Jones**.

9/25 **Parx Dirt Mile** ($200K). 1 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **MIND CONTROL** (b.h., 5, Stay Thirsty—Feel That Fire, by Lightnin N Thunder). B-Red Oak Stable (Ky.). O-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) and Madaket Stables LLC. T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-John R. Velazquez. Time: 1:36.59. Margin: head. 2nd: **Silver State**. 3rd: **Warrior's Charge**.

9/25 **Plum Pretty** ($200K). 1 1/16 mi. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **CHUB WAGON** (b.f., 4, Hey Chub—Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart). B-Joe-Dan Farm and George Chestnut (Pa.). O-Daniel Lopez and George Chestnut. T-Guadalupe Preciado. J-Jomar Torres. Time: 1:44.80. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Vault**. 3rd: **Marion Francis**.

After the Louisiana Derby win, when it became apparent that he had a legitimate Kentucky Derby contender in his barn, Doug O'Neill had a thought. Maybe Hot Rod Charlie could be used as a vehicle to create awareness for two college scholarship funds that had been set up in Jake's name: one for students on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where Jake had taken a mission trip with the Southport (Conn.) Congregational Church, and one for a walk-on football player at the University of South Carolina, where Stephen went to school and Jake wanted to attend. First-year coach Shane Beamer had called Panus just before Christmas last year and they came up with the idea.

A saddlecloth was created that featured the Gamecocks' logo and Jake's initials, JBP. Hot Rod Charlie wore it on the Triple Crown trail, which saw him finish third in the Derby and a game second–to Essential Quality again–in the Belmont Stakes. Stories were written and television spots produced.

"We were really touched by it," Panus said. "It led to a tremendous amount of publicity on the two scholarships and helped increase donations to both causes."

"The whole situation is heart-wrenching," Doug O'Neill said. "Just to be a small part of keeping Jake's name alive . . . It's a credit to the owners that they wanted to get involved. They were all on board. Charlie has not only given us so much joy, he was able to help others."

Three days before the Pennsylvania Derby, Stephen Panus stood in front of the University of South Carolina football team and presented the first Jake Panus Walk-On Football Scholarship to long snapper Matthew Bailey. (Google it, but grab some tissues first.) It was a very tangible example of Jake's legacy indeed enduring. And some of the credit for that goes to Hot Rod Charlie and his thoughtful owners.

"They are selfless people who understand the good fortune to have a horse like Hot Rod Charlie," Panus said. "For them to carve out space for melanoma research and others speaks about their character and the quality people they are. They're not just great for the sport, but for humanity."

If you believe in karma, Team Hot Rod Charlie is being rewarded for its beneficence. The Pennsylvania Derby win checked a major box, adding a Grade 1 to his resume. Strauss was in Bensalem for the race and the Roadrunner group watched from La Quinta Country Club, where they had the option of having the Hot Rod Charlie sandwich (crispy chicken breast with sriracha sauce and peppers) or a Philly cheesesteak. The Boat Racing guys were in Cleveland, attending the wedding of college teammate Jacob Supron and Hannah Kimmel, also a Brown grad.

With a 5 p.m. ceremony and 5:49 post time, there was no margin for error. The boys politely informed the reverend of their situation and he obliged with a Secretariat-equivalent 21-minute service, allowing them plenty of time to get to a room and watch the race on TV. Bedlam ensued.

"I'm on cloud nine," Patrick O'Neill said. "How amazing is it to combine friends, family and the sport I love? We've fallen in love with this horse. He's given us a wild ride."

Next stop: Del Mar.

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Monster Payoff

Longshot Pennsylvania-bred Hollywood Talent prevails Grade 3

BY PAUL HALLORAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUI-PHOTO INC.

Pennsylvania Derby Day at Parx Racing had all the elements: seven stakes races, 17 horses who had won a graded stakes this year, arguably the best sprinter in the country, $3.74 million in purses, chamber of commerce weather and an exploding tote board (figuratively, that is).

In the $300,000 Grade 3 Turf Monster, 10-year-old gelding Hollywood Talent–one of five Pennsylvania-breds to start in the nine-horse field–closed from seventh and ran by them all in the stretch to win by 1¼ lengths. He went off at 108-1 and paid $219.20 to win. Incredibly, he wasn't the longest shot on the board; two other horses went off 170-1 and finished eighth and ninth in the 5-furlong dash.

Trainer Juan Vazquez bought the horse in February for $5,000 from Wallace Neilson, who had claimed him for $8,000 at Delaware last September. "I was pointing to this race," Vazquez said. "I like the horse a lot."

It was the second stakes win and first graded stakes score for Hollywood Talent,

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Hollywood Talent upsets the Grade 3 Turf Monster, the first graded win for him and his sire Talent Search.

Cotillion
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Stonestreet Stables' Clairiere strikes a pose after winning the Grade 1 Cotillion for Ricardo Santana Jr. and trainer Steve Asmussen.

in his ninth campaign after winning his debut at Keeneland April 19, 2013, and having run at 16 racetracks. Versatile as well as durable, he has started 19 times on turf, 18 on dirt and 15 on synthetic, winning 12 and hitting the board another 18 times. Vazquez said he plans to run him in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Nov. 6 at Del Mar.

"We'll go out there and see what happens," said Vazquez, who gave a leg up in the Turf Monster to old friend Ricardo Santana Jr., whom he helped bring to the United States from Panama in 2009. Santana rode for Vazquez at Delaware Park and lived with him at one point, the trainer said.

"We won a lot of races together in the old days at Delaware and he won three races for me at Saratoga this year," said Vazquez, who told Santana not to feel obligated to ride Hollywood Talent at Parx if he got a better offer, but Santana stayed put and it paid off.

Firecrow and Admiral Abe battled for the lead from the start and into the stretch, when the latter took over and appeared to be on the way to a major upset at 27-1. But along came Hollywood Talent to make it a colossal upset, with Beer Can Man closing for second.

Hollywood Talent is by Talent Search, who stands for $2,000 at Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pa. Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, the winner is out of the Johannesburg mare Intrinsic Value, who had six foals from 2009-13 – three by Kitten's Joy, two by Talent Search and one by Music School.

"He's the reason we're in the stallion business. He was the first," Glenn Brok said.

Talent Search, now 18, earned $603,360 in a career that saw him finish in the money in five graded stakes, including a third in the 2007 Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1.

"He was one of the best sprinters in the country," Brok said. "He's a wonderful horse."

He is also a stallion who produces war horses. He's Got Talent had 66 starts and ran until age 9, and Rolin With Olin has run 52 times through age 8.

The Broks are among the most successful breeders in the Commonwealth, having earned more than $1 million in Pennsylvania Breeding Fund awards over the last four years.

PARX POINTS: On the other end of the spectrum from bombs away in the Turf Monster was the $300,000 Grade 2 Gallant Bob, in which Jackie's Warrior went off at 1-9 and made that look like a bargain, winning by 6¾ lengths under wraps and returning $2.10. Where else can you get 5 percent interest in less than 69 seconds?

"What a fun horse to watch run live," said trainer Steve Asmussen, whose likely Breeders' Cup Sprint favorite improved his record to eight wins in 11 starts, with $1,513,964 in earnings. "We're very fortunate to have him. That level of ability . . . wow."

Owned by Kirk and Judy Robison and ridden by Joel Rosario, the son of Maclean's Music picked up his third consecutive win after taking the Amsterdam-G2 and H. Allen Jerkens-G1 at Saratoga. He covered the 6 furlongs in 1:08.64.

Asmussen completed a natural daily double when Clairiere got her long-awaited Grade 1 win in the $1 million Cotillion. Content to sit well off the pace set by Always Carina and Obligatory, the Stonestreet homebred daughter of Curlin unleashed a furious rally on the far turn, taking the lead approaching the eighth pole and drawing away for a 2½-length win. Obligatory held second with Army Wife third.

Clairiere, bet down to 5-2 favoritism under Santana, was coming off a second to divisional leader Malathaat in the Alabama-G1 at Saratoga and a third behind Maracuja and Malathaat in the CCA Oaks-G1.

"She's kept herself in great company all year and is getting good when it matters most," Asmussen said.

Hometown heroine Chub Wagon kicked off the stakes portion of the card with a gutsy win in the $200,000 Plum Pretty for Pennsylvania-breds, improving her record to 10 wins in 11 starts, with $533,600 in earnings. Trained by Guadalupe Preciado and ridden by Jomar Torres, Chub Wagon drifted out in the stretch and had to withstand an inquiry and objection in her first start around two turns. Vault finished second with Marion Francis third.

The most eventful finish of the day occurred in the $200,000 Parx Dirt Mile, when Mind Control surrendered the lead to Met Mile-G1 winner Silver State in the stretch, but fought back on the inside to get up in the final strides. In his third start for Todd Pletcher after being saddled by Greg Sacco in his first 20 races, Mind Control, ridden by John Velazquez, was stretching out to a mile for the first time. Look for a rematch in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1.

Magic Michael needed every bit of the 12-furlong $200,000 Grade 3 Greenwood Cup, closing from last to nail Last Samurai in the final strides. Frankie Pennington had the well-timed ride for Jamie Ness.

The attendance on a sun-splashed 77-degree day was estimated at more than 10,000. Total handle was an all-time record of $13,799,491.

"They really put on a show," said trainer Doug O'Neill, who won the Pennsylvania Derby with Hot Rod Charlie. "You felt proud to be part of the sport."

"I had never heard of Bensalem a few weeks ago, but it's one of my favorite cities in the country now," said Bill Strauss, part of the Hot Rod Charlie ownership group.

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Magic Touch

Tappin Cat delivers latest success story for Fowler-Capuano partnership

BY SARA GORDON. PHOTOGRAPHS BY HOOFPRINTS, INC.

While Tappin Cat's $75,000 Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Governors Day Handicap victory on Delaware Park's Owners' Day, Sept. 25, may have been the 5-year-old gelding's first stakes win, his eighth victory and trainer Gary Capuano's 1,261st triumph, the numbers tell only a fraction of his story and that of breeder, Paul L. "Larry" Fowler Jr.

It began when Fowler and Capuano claimed Maryland-bred Jest Punching, a 2-year-old son of Two Punch, for $20,000 at Laurel Park in December 1992. Fowler and his partners were taken on the ride of a lifetime as Jest Punching won the Maryland City, Knocklofty and Northern Dancer stakes as a 3-year-old in 1993, before taking the Find Handicap the following year. His final stakes win came in the First State Handicap at Delaware in 1995.

Jest Punching, who retired in 1997 with $358,096 earned, only deepened the passion Fowler had for the sport as he continued to work with Capuano to buy and claim new recruits, even partnering with the trainer on a few.

A major highlight came in the form of Grundlefoot, a Kentucky-bred son of Unaccounted For Capuano purchased for Fowler after he RNA'd for $37,000 at an Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2-year-old sale in 1999. He won 12 races, six of them stakes including the 2002 Baltimore Breeders' Cup-G3 at Pimlico, and earned more than $600,000 before Fowler sold him to Saudi Arabia for a "like amount" in 2002.

"So, of all these things . . . there's certainly been some bad times as everyone in horse racing [knows], but that's the genesis of it, and I decided that, 'Oh well this is an easy game, I'm going to start breeding,'" said Fowler. "It started with Hongkong Tour. Long story short, again, we're at Keeneland and bought a Broken Vow filly. She won her first four [and was] getting ready to go to one of the nice stakes in Maryland, [she] was beautiful coming into the stake, we were like, 'Oh my gosh, this is going to be great,' and she hurt herself and never returned. So that was my first mare, by accident if you will."

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Tappin Cat (along rail) prevails in the DTHA Governor's Day Handicap for Larry Fowler and Gary Capuano.

Purchased by Capuano for $6,000 as a yearling in 2006, Hongkong Tour retired after five starts and had her first foal in 2010: Touring Hong Kong. The multiple stakes-placed Maryland-bred daughter of Cherokee's Boy was claimed away in 2013 and continued to race through March 2015. Now a broodmare, she has produced four foals, all bred by Dr. Alexandro Rubim Dias, with two winners from three starters including multiple stakes winner V. I. P. Ticket. This year, she had a colt by Biblical in March and was bred back to Always Dreaming.

Hongkong Tour's five other foals include 7-year-old Intrepid Forest ($97,954), 5-year-old Stormin Hongkong ($141,634) and 4-year-old Band On Tour ($175,235).

Tappin Cat's dam Elusory shares the storyline of a failed racing prospect turned successful broodmare. Purchased by Capuano for $7,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2012 for Fowler, the daughter of Broken Vow and the Storm Cat mare Counterpoise never started.

"We tried to get her to the races, but she really didn't want any part of it. She was hard to train, she had that Storm Cat blood in her. She kind of wanted to do her own thing, she didn't want to steer correctly and all that kind of stuff. She had some ability, she just had other plans, she didn't want to go straight, so she never did run," said Capuano. "So, [Fowler] bred her and her first foal was by Hunters Bay and he gave that foal to Louis Merryman, because that's where she was. Then he bred her next to Tritap, he really liked the Tapit blood."

A sleek bay with a patch of whitish pink across his nose and muzzle, as if the milk he drank as a foal dribbled out and never quite came off, Maryland-bred Tappin Cat was born May 7, 2016.

He progressed through his early training, and was Delaware-certified, before finishing second in his debut as a 2-year-old at Delaware in September 2018. The following month, he broke his maiden, and 10 days later finished sixth in the Maryland Million Nursery.

During the gelding's seven-month layoff through the winter into the late spring of 2019, Fowler was dealing with some changes in his life that led him to transfer ownership of most of his horses, including Tappin Cat, to Capuano's Non Stop Stable.

"After a year or so, we got the horses back to [Larry] and he was gracious enough, he said, 'Look, you just keep Tappin Cat,'" said Capuano.

As a 3-year-old, Tappin Cat won three times, finished second four times and third twice, including a second in the Star de Naskra at Laurel and a third in the Maryland Million Classic.

"He's not a huge horse and he's a really attractive horse, but he showed the talent all along and we kind of went back and forth with the distance with him," said Capuano. "It looked like he wanted to stretch out two turns, but when he did he just didn't seem to finish quite as good as we thought he would, so we kind of went back to sprinting with him, and he did OK."

Last year, his six starts came at 5½ furlongs to 1 1/16 miles, with his best result a head victory at Laurel in August. He closed the season at Delaware on Owners' Day with a fourth in the 6-furlong New Castle Stakes.

"After last year's Delaware race, he actually got hurt so we had to give him some time off, we gave him probably six months or so, and he came back and really matured this year," said Capuano. "The time off did him a world of good and he's just older now, a little [more] mature, and he settles more and has a better finish to him."

Though he started 2021 with two spring losses, Tappin Cat proved his progress with seconds at Pimlico in May and at Delaware in June before firing off allowance wins, two weeks apart, in August. The first, at Pimlico, he won by 5 lengths. The second, he edged Mischief Afoot by a half-length.

"Those two previous races were just huge races. He ran hard, he ran tough, and he was just pretty much relentless, he wasn't going to let anybody by him," said Capuano, who used the results to help make his decision on where to run on Owners' Day.

"We entered in both [the Governors Day and the New Castle] and Whereshetoldmetogo and a couple of those other horses looked pretty salty in there sprintin' and I was thinking that the track would be favoring a little bit of speed and we had a good post in the [Governors Day], so everything worked out."

Tappin Cat stalked outside of early leader Shane's Jewel before taking over through a half in :47.10 and fighting off Senior Investment and Mischief Afoot. Ridden by Jevian Toledo, Tappin Cat won by a head over Senior Investment, with Bal Harbour a neck back in third.

The winner withstood an objection from Senior Investment's jockey and became a stakes winner. As the only Delaware-certified horse in the field, Tappin Cat also took home a $50,000 bonus.

Fowler, whose homebred Intrepid Daydream finished fifth in her debut in the Small Wonder Stakes three races prior, was there with Capuano.

"[It was just] too exciting, all of us just jumping up and down and then the objection and sitting there at the scales with Toledo, where we had to be on pins and needles for 12 minutes. It's very exhilarating. I'm just grateful, really, it's been a lot

Stakes results for Delaware Park

9/25 **First State Dash** ($100K). 5½ F. DE-Bred/Cert. 2YO.

Winner: **NO SABE NADA** (dk.b./br.g., Jersey Town—Christmas Cove, by More Than Ready). B-Charles Fipke (Ky.). O-R Racing Stable. T-D. Scott Peck. J-Roberto Alvarado Jr. Time: 1:03.69. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Rebel Empire**. 3rd: **Amazing Alex**.

9/25 **New Castle** ($100K). 6 F. DE-Bred/Cert. 3&up.

Winner: **WHERESHETOLDMETOGO** (ch.g., 6, El Padrino—Undisputed Legend, by Domestic Dispute). B-David H. Wade (Md.). O-Madaket Stables, Ten Strike Racing, Michael E. Kisber and BTR Racing Inc. T-Brittany Russell. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:09.09. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Aspect**. 3rd: **Threes Over Deuces**.

9/25 **Small Wonder** ($100K). 5½ F. DE-Bred/Cert. 2YO F.

Winner: **MURPH** (b.f., Malibu Moon—Fire of Freedom, by Street Cry-Ire). B-CandyLand Farm (Md.). O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC. T-Brittany Russell. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:03.72. Margin: 4½. 2nd: **Whiteknuckleflyer**. 3rd: **Mama G's Wish**.

9/25 **Tax Free Shopping Distaff** ($100K). 6 F. DE-Bred/Cert. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **STREET LUTE** (ch.f., 3, Street Magician—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute). B-Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman (Md.). O-Lucky 7 Stables. T-John J. Robb. J-Xavier Perez. Time: 1:09.45. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Malibu Beauty**. 3rd: **Plane Drunk**.

9/25 **DTHA Governors Day** ($75K). 1 mi. 70 yds. DE Strs. 3&up.

Winner: **TAPPIN CAT** (b.g., 5, Tritap—Elusory, by Broken Vow). B-Paul L. Fowler Jr. (Md.). O-Non Stop Stable. T-Gary Capuano. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:39.92. Margin: head. 2nd: **Senior Investment**. 3rd: **Bal Harbour**.

9/25 **George Rosenberger Memorial** ($75K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. DE Strs. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **LA BABIA** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Bayern—La Laja, by El Prado-Ire). B/O-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (Ky.). T-Michael R. Matz. J-Angel Suarez. Time: 1:43.66. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **B B's Busted**. 3rd: **Advocating**.

of fun," said Fowler. "It's just been so gratifying, because you know how difficult it is to just have a winner period, much less breed them."

The 5-year-old improved to 27-8-9-3 and sat just on the cusp of earning $400,000.

"He's very easy to train, he does whatever you want. When he's in the stall he's quiet, he'll lay down, and my kids used to lay on top of him and hug him and all that kind of stuff, nothing bothers him," said Capuano.

Along with Intrepid Daydream, Fowler has her winning full-sister Intrepid Dream, both daughters of Jess's Dream out Intrepid Tour, along with homebred Band On Tour and Striking It Lucky, both co-owned with Non Stop Stable, and a few youngsters nearing their debuts, in training with Capuano.

"[Hongkong Tour] passed and the mare that I now have, [Intrepid Tour], who is out of Hongkong Tour, had a crooked leg and even though she worked great, we were afraid to give somebody a leg up on her," said Fowler. "She never took a bad step, she never did anything, but I don't think I could take it if something happened, so she just started having babies, she never raced."

Homebred Intrepid Tour continues the legacy started by her dam Hongkong Tour. Residing at Christmas Farm in Upper Marlboro, Md., under the care of Donelson Christmas Jr., she foaled a colt by Imagining this April and was bred back to Tapwrit for next year.

After Elusory foaled Tappin Cat, Fowler gave the mare to Merryman in an effort to scale down his breeding operation. Though she failed to get in foal when bred to Bourbon Courage for 2017, she produced Exculpatory, a colt by Mineshaft, the following year.

Owned by Merryman's wife Grace, Tappin Cat's half-brother broke his maiden at Laurel in March and added three other wins including the Robert Hilton Memorial at Charles Town in August. Though not pregnant since 2018, Elusory has been bred to Holy Boss for 2022.

"We always kid about my breeding operation. I say every year, 'Am I Breeder of the Year yet?' and Gary says, 'You'll never be Breeder of the Year,' we joke about it constantly," said Fowler. "But it's just been great, honest to goodness, it's been wonderful. I hope the rest of them have even half [of Tappin Cat's] success. He's just been a great thing."

NOTES: Tappin Cat was one of four Maryland-breds to win a stakes on Owners' Day. Read more about them in the Maryland Horse newsletter . . . Trainer Scott Peck, 89, recorded his first official stakes winner when No Sabe Nada won the First State Dash for 2-year-olds. The Kentucky-bred gelding by Jersey Town, owned by R Racing Stable, finished second in the Dover Stakes at Delaware a month prior . . . Michael Matz trainee La Babia, a Helen Groves Revocable Trust homebred, rounded out the stakes on the 11-race card with a win in the George Rosenberger Memorial. ✷

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Finishing Up

New Jersey track puts wraps on 2021 season of mixed numbers

BY PAUL HALLORAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUI-PHOTO INC.

Reviews of the 2021 racing season at Monmouth Park were decidedly mixed.

Total handle was up, but average daily handle declined.

The highly restrictive whip rule implemented by the New Jersey Racing Commission was controversial at the beginning, but the clamor seemed to wane as the meet went on.

Haskell Day drew a crowd of almost 21,000 and a $16.4 million handle, but the race was marred by the disqualification of Hot Rod Charlie, who drifted in and caused Midnight Bourbon to clip heels and lose rider Paco Lopez. Mandaloun was declared the winner.

"Overall it was a transition year for us," said Dennis Drazin, Monmouth chairman and CEO. "People were still concerned about the Delta variant [of Covid-19], but I think more fans wanted to come out and enjoy not being trapped in the house. We were somewhere in between last year and completely normal. It puts us in a position to build on next year."

Total handle for the 55-day meet was $173,511,161, a 3.6-percent increase from the pandemic-affected meet of 2020, when $167,511,608 was wagered in 44 racing days. The average daily handle decreased by 17 percent, from $3,807,082 last year to $3,154,748. Having the first 16 scheduled turf races rained off, resulting in 65 scratches, didn't help. There also can be little question that the rule prohibiting use of the whip unless the jockey feels his or her safety is in danger contributed to that decline, though Drazin believes there were other factors as well.

"In speaking with some whales [big bettors], they were just as concerned about making bets at jurisdictions that are taking horses off Lasix," he said. (Lasix is permitted in New Jersey.) "Some people shied away because of the whip. Some people got used to handicapping given the whip rule. All in all, it was very controversial in the beginning of the meet, but we didn't hear too much at the end of the meet."

Speaking of which, Drazin hopes the implementation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act—hopefully by next July—will include a national whip rule that does not vary by state. With Monmouth likely to open in May if it keeps the typical schedule, Drazin indicated the track may look to the Racing Commission for relief.

"We don't want to start the meet [next year] with the same controversy," he said. "We may take a position on whether there should be a stay, pending HISA."

The disqualification of Hot Rod Charlie notwithstanding, Drazin pointed to the Haskell and the return to near normalcy as highlights of the summer.

"I thought it was a terrific race. The stewards did what they needed to do. It was the right call. We're thankful there were no significant injuries," he said. "Just being back to semi-normal and seeing people out again. Our business was fairly good. The sports book was viable again. We are doing well on the sports betting front."

Caesars, which acquired William Hill last April, is building a $15 million addition to the sportsbook at Monmouth, said

Stakes results for Monmouth

9/4 Red Bank ($150K). 1 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **VALUE PROPOSITION (GB)** (dk.b./br.r., 5, Dansili-GB—Dash To The Front, by Diktat-GB). B-Meon Valley Stud (Great Britain). O-Klaravich Stables Inc. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:35.50. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Proven Strategies**. 3rd: **Reconvene**.

9/5 Sapling ($200K). 1 mi. 2YO.

Winner: **DOUBLE THUNDER** (gr./ro.c., Super Saver—Rattataptap, by Tapit). B-WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). O-Phoenix Thoroughbred III. T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:38.76. Margin: ½. 2nd: **American Sanctuary**. 3rd: **Midnight Worker**.

9/6 Sorority ($200K). 1 mi. 2YO F.

Winner: **RUNUP** (b.f., Runhappy—Up the Street, by Street Cry-Ire). B/O-James McIngvale (Md.). T-Laura Wohlers. J-Joseph D. Ramos. Time: 1:39.32. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Jumeirah**. 3rd: **Gimmick**.

9/11 Rumson ($100K). 5 F. 3&up.

Winner: **FRANCATELLI** (dk.b./br.g., 4, City Zip—Salary Drive, by Mizzen Mast). B-Eico Ventures Inc. O-Maribeth Sandford and Lynch Racing LLC. T-Cathal A. Lynch. J-Mychel J. Sanchez. Time: :57.26. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Quick Tempo**. 3rd: **Sagamore Mischief**.

9/18 Pinot Grigio ($85K). 5 F. Turf. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ROSELBA** (b.m., 5, Private Interview—Elba, by Mo Mon). B/O-Colonial Farms (N.J.). T-Rory K. Huston. J-Ferrin Peterson. Time: :56.98. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Bramble Bay**. 3rd: **Ask Around**.

9/19 Joey P. ($85K). 5 F. Turf. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **GOLDEN BROWN** (dk.b./br.g., 6, Offlee Wild—Suzee Sunrise, by Chester House). B-Esther de Jong (N.J.). O-ABL Stable, Dominic Bossone, Peter Donnelly and Nadine Schnoor. T-Patrick B. McBurney. J-Paco Lopez. Time: :56.55. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Like What I See**. 3rd: **Lucky Jaime**.

9/25 Violet ($100K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **TAMAHERE (FR)** (ch.f., 4, Wootton Bassett— Alatasarai, by Giant's Causeway). B-E.A.R.L. Elevage Du Sarai (France). O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc., Madaket Stables LLC and Wonder Stables. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Jose C. Ferrer. Time: 1:45.74. Margin: 7¼. 2nd: **Vigilantes Way**. 3rd: **Counterparty Risk (Ire)**.

9/26 Nownownow ($500K). 1 mi. Turf. 2YO.

Winner: **DAKOTA GOLD** (ch.c., Freud—Dakota Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid). B-Sequel Thoroughbreds and Ron Bowden (N.Y.). O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing. T-Danny Gargan. J-Isaac Castillo. Time: 1:36.31. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Royal Spirit**. 3rd: **Coinage**.

9/26 Smoke Glacken ($100K). 6 F. 2YO.

Winner: **SPEAKING** (dk.b./br.g., Mr Speaker—High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy). B/O-Holly Crest Farm (N.J.). T-Eddie Owens Jr. J-Gerardo Corrales. Time: 1:10.12. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Forty Stripes**. 3rd: **Practical Coach**.

Drazin, who is looking forward to fixed-odds wagering. Gov. Phil Murphy signed a bill into law Aug. 5 allowing fixed-odds wagering in the state, but the Division of Gaming Enforcement did not finalize the regulations in time for this year's meet.

On the track, Lopez was the leading jockey for the eighth time, with almost twice as many wins (109) as Isaac Castillo (55). Joe Bravo, who has 13 Monmouth riding titles, relocated to Del Mar citing the whip rule.

Wayne Potts captured the training title with 38 wins to 28 for Kelly Breen, who won it in 2020 and had the most earnings this year, with $1,301,326. Assistant Bonnie Lucas ran Potts' Monmouth operation while he spent most of the summer at Saratoga.

"All the credit belongs to her," Potts said. "She looked over all the horses and did a fantastic job."

Lucas started going to Penn National when she was 15 and worked her way up from hot walker to groom to assistant to trainers Rick Wasserman and Tim Kreiser. She joined Potts' operation last year and seems to have found a home.

"I fit right in with Wayne," she said. "He and I think a lot alike."

Lucas took on an even bigger role when Potts tested positive for Covid-19 last spring.

"I helped take things over," she said. "I made sure everything was taken care of."

In taking the Monmouth title, Team Potts did it with virtually all the wins coming in claiming races. When you play the claiming game, you win some and you lose some.

"I'm a claiming trainer," said Potts, who had two horses, including 2020 Saratoga stakes winner American Sailor, die in a barn fire at Belmont last April. "That's what I do. We lost a lot to claims, but when you put them in for sale, you've got to expect to lose them."

Lucas said she started with about 25 horses at Monmouth, the number grew to 48 at one point, and by the end of the meet she was looking around and thinking, "What do we have left to run."

As it turns out, they had enough to stay atop the trainer standings.

SHORE THINGS

■ New Jersey-bred Alta Velocita started five times at the meet, winning four, including the Eleven North Handicap, and was second once. Owned by Imaginary Stables and M3 Racing Stable, the 5-year-old mare is trained by Andy Simoff. Tomas Mejia rode her three times and Paco Lopez twice.

■ Mejia was suspended 10 years and fined $5,000 by stewards for possessing an electrical device during the running of the seventh race on Sept. 3, which he won aboard Strongerthanuknow.

■ Along with the Grade 1 United Nations on the Haskell undercard, the Nownownow for 2-year-olds on the turf on closing day was the second-most lucrative stakes race of the meet, with a purse of $500,000.

New York-breds took the first three spots, with Dakota Gold earning the $300,000 winner's share for Dean and Patti Reeves, prompting trainer Danny Gargan to plan for a run in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1 Nov. 5 at Del Mar.

By Freud out of the Lemon Drop Kid mare Dakota Kid, the chestnut colt came into the race off a win in his debut, an off-the-turf, open-company maiden special weight at Saratoga Sept. 2. The Nownownow was run at a mile.

"I couldn't wait to get him on the turf," Gargan said. "When the jockey [Isaac Castillo] asked him he just galloped by. It was pretty impressive."

Royal Spirit and 4-5 favorite Coinage finished second and third, respectively. ✷

Alta Velocita won four of five starts at Monmouth this season for trainer Andy Simoff, concluding with her win in the Eleven North Handicap.

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Dakota Gold (third from left) breaks with the field in the Nownownow Stakes. The $500,000 race was the third richest of the 2021 meet and is a springboard for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1.

Next Steps

Laurel Futurity, Selima winners eye big opportunities at Breeders' Cup

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOS BY JIM DULEY

Laurel Park's autumn juvenile turf stakes carry plenty of history. Secretariat won the Laurel Futurity after all, and the Selima Stakes goes back to 1926 and includes legends as well. But the future seems plenty bright too, especially after the 2021 winners both made cases to head to the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Ready to Purrform won the Futurity for Donegal Racing and trainer Brad Cox, charging from last of nine early to win the $150,000 stakes by 3¼ lengths over Stride with Wish Me Home third as part of a five-stakes card Oct. 2. Jevian Toledo rode the winner, a $150,000 yearling purchase by Donegal at Fasig-Tipton's July sale. The Kitten's Joy colt won his debut at Ellis Park Sept. 3, and was pointed to Laurel as a prep for–and a path to–the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1 at Del Mar Nov. 5.

"We thought when he ran last time that the next time we would get this kind of performance," said Jerry Crawford, CEO of Donegal. "We came here because we thought we were more likely to win here than at Keeneland and we thought if we won, he'd be likely to get into the Breeders' Cup."

Cox stayed in Kentucky to saddle Maryland-bred Knicks Go in his prep for the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1–a romp in the Lukas Classic-G3–but Crawford made the trip and felt some nostalgia.

"I've been coming to Laurel since my 30s," said the owner. "It looks a lot nicer than it did then. I worked in Washington periodically, so I'd come down from D.C. and it feels good to be back."

Crawford also paid tribute to former Laurel owner Bob Manfuso, who died in 2020. The two served on the Breeders' Cup board of directors together and were longtime friends.

"I'll get choked up but Bob was a dear, dear friend," said Crawford. "Katy [Voss] and Bob sat a few rows below us for seven weeks every summer at Saratoga. I missed him so much there this summer. I'm glad this happened, and I was able to mention him."

Two-year-old fillies took their swings in the Selima, also worth $150,000 and also 1 1/16 miles on the turf. Eight showed up, none more touted than eventual 2-5 favorite Consumer Spending from Klaravich Stable and Chad Brown. A $200,000 Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase purchase last September, the daughter of More Than Ready finished second in her debut at Saratoga in August, then handled maidens in a 4½-length win Sept. 6 (also at Saratoga).

Her Selima foes included four maidens plus three regional maiden winners. They made the favorite work, as 88-1 Evangeline Allons took the field a long way and yielded grudgingly before settling for third with 81-1 She's Like Thunder rallying into the place spot. Consumer Spending scored by 2½ lengths to earn her ticket to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1.

"She's certainly a horse with a bright future. She's run really well in all three of her starts to date," Brown said. "We'll see what we do from here. The Juvenile Fillies Turf has to be considered at this point, given the way she won. We'll see how she's training this month."

The Selima produced the Juvenile Fillies Turf winner, Sharing, in 2019 while 2020 winner Fluffy Socks (trained by Brown) won a Grade 3 late last year and placed in a Grade 1 this year. The Futurity can't quite match that recent past, but counts among its previous winners (in addition to Secretariat) Affirmed, Spectacular Bid, Citation and Count Fleet.

Tuned (GB) probably won't be among the entries for the Breeders' Cup, but don't try telling her that as the 5-year-old mare won her third consecutive race of 2021 in the $100,000 All Along Stakes for fillies and mares on the turf. Sent off as the even-money favorite in a field of six, she started last and wide and finished 3¾ lengths in front of Graham Motion-trained stablemate Oyster Box with Sweet Sami D third.

A homebred for Al Shaqab Racing, Tuned started her career with three starts in France, won her American debut in October 2019 and lost her next seven before winning a Colonial Downs allowance in August. Feargal Lynch was aboard there, and again in the All Along. In between, Tuned and Jose Ortiz won the Old Nelson Stakes at Colonial.

"This filly's really getting her confidence," said Lynch. "The last time I won on her down in Colonial, she did it nice and then Jose rode her and she stumbled leaving the gate and he did pretty much the same thing–just took his time–and she has a big kick, like a European style kick. She rates pretty good, relaxes very good. But she's really progressing. We thought she was going to be a graded contender and she's building it back now. She's enjoying it again."

The daughter of Toronado (Ire) and 2012 female turf champion Zagora (Fr) won for the fifth time in 14 starts while pushing her career earnings to $298,575.

Gerald Bennett is not exactly new at this. He saddled his first runner in 1976 (at Canada's Greenwood Racecourse) and has won more races than any trainer born in Canada, so when he claims a horse for $32,000 and steps him up to a stakes the next time you ought to pay attention.

Such was the setup for Xy Speed in the $100,000 Laurel Dash Stakes, a 5½-furlong turf sprint. The well-traveled 5-year-old won his debut for trainer Jorge Navarro at Parx Racing in September 2018 and started at Tampa Bay Downs, Monmouth Park, Penn National, Delaware Park, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Fair Grounds, Lone Star Park and Saratoga, plus Delaware again while moving to Steve Asmussen's barn last year (after Navarro's indictment and subsequent guilty plea in a doping case) and getting claimed for $15,000 by Robertino Diodoro for M & M Stables in Texas in May.

"They ran the horse in Tampa in a stakes [his second start], it was dirt and he got away real bad," said Bennett. "I knew they were real high on the horse then. I saw they ran him for 15 and I thought we couldn't lose much because he was eligible for starter allowances and he should be able to well handle them. He looked good when we were looking at him to claim [at Delaware Park in September], and we thought he would work out."

He worked out just fine in the Laurel Dash, rallying on the inside to take over from Francatelli in the stretch and hanging on to win by a neck over Battle Station with Cannon's Roar third as four necks separated the first five across the wire. Jorge Ruiz rode the winner, a son of First Samurai bred in Kentucky by Monticule. Xy Speed won his eighth race while pushing his earnings to $228,690.

Bennett, whose stable split time between Tampa and Delaware Park this year, won the 3,996th race of his career with his eyes on 4,000.

"I like winning and the challenges and picking up horses," he said of why he's still at it at age 72. "Mostly that's what I do, claim horses or buy babies at the sale. Four thousand wins would move us up another notch on the board, plus I'm still alive and adding to it. Some of the other ones on that list aren't around anymore."

Three Diamonds Farm's 5-year-old gelding Tide of the Sea, winless since taking the W.L. McKnight-G3 Jan. 23, ended his drought by turning back Hierarchy to capture the $100,000 Japan Turf Cup.

Favored at 6-5 over six rivals, Tide of the Sea gave jockey Horacio Karamanos his second win of the afternoon and first in the Japan Turf Cup for he and trainer Mike Maker.

"In the turn after the first wire, my horse started to pick it up. I let him go himself in the backstretch and at the five-eighths pole he passed to the lead," Karamanos said. "I knew he was going to love going on the lead. I felt like I got a lot of horse so I let him pick it up at the three-eighths pole and he gave me a kick. I feel like my horse can win at the top of the stretch and he got it done."

Ready to Purrform heads for home in the Laurel Futurity, his second win in as many starts.

Consumer Spending spots the camera while winning the Selima Stakes.

ASMUSSEN WINS DE FRANCIS

When your stable includes the likes of Grade 1-winning sprinters Jackie's Warrior and Yaupon, even the back-up can deliver in the clutch as trainer Steve Asmussen landed the $200,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 with Jalen Journey at Laurel Park Sept. 18.

The victory, fourth on the year for the 6-year-old, didn't come easily as he finished three-quarters of a length behind 4-5 favorite Wondrwherecraigis in the 6-furlong race before prevailing in the stewards' stand after a foul claim and an inquiry for interference in the stretch.

The 30th running of the 6-furlong De Francis headlined an 11-race program featuring four stakes worth $500,000 in purses, all part of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championship Series.

Front-running winner of his two previous starts including the Tale of the Cat Aug. 13 at Saratoga, Wondrwherecraigis was outfooted for the early lead by Kalu, who went the opening quarter-mile in :21.98 with Jalen Journey tracking in third. Wondrwherecraigis took over after a half in :45.11 and straightened for home with Jalen Journey on his heels.

Trying to give jockey Jevian Toledo his fourth win of the day and third in a stakes, and a second stakes win for trainer Brittany Russell, Wondrwherecraigis began to drift out under Toledo's left-handed urging in mid-stretch and was ruled to have impeded Jalen Journey. The winning time was 1:09.52.

"I think I was going by and not just once, but the whole momentum of when I was coming to make my challenge I lost my track. He took my grind," Lynch said. "Nobody likes to win like that, but he was the best horse in the race and he deserved to get put up."

Stewards immediately lit the inquiry sign and Lynch lodged an objection. Following a lengthy review, the order of finish was changed.

"[Wondrwherecraigis] did come out of his path. He was getting hit left-handed," Asmussen's New York-based assistant Toby Sheets said. "It was kind of a hazing thing the whole way; no brainer."

Kalu was third, 1¾ lengths behind Jalen Journey, who picked up his first stakes victory and rewarded the confidence of a $510,000 pricetag at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky horses of racing age sale in 2019.

A $14,000 yearling, the Florida-bred son of With Distinction won three of his first five starts in 2018-19 (and

JERRY DZIERWINSKI

Jalen Journey (left) battles Wondrwherecraigis late in the De Francis. Hello Beautiful glides toward the finish with a win in the Weather Vane, her ninth victory.

placed in the Smile Sprint Stakes-G3) for Commonwealth Stable before the sale.

Sent to California trainer Peter Miller, Jalen Journey finished third in the Bing Crosby-G1 in July 2019 and was fourth in the Pat O'Brien-G2 in August.

Off more than a year, the ridgling resurfaced for a $40,000 claiming price at Indiana Grand in October 2020. Fifth there, he won his next two–claiming $40,000 at Churchill Downs in November and a waiver claiming $50,000 at Oaklawn Park in January–before finishing 10th in Dubai's Golden Shaheen-G1 and winning two of three in New York through August. Next came the De Francis. Jalen Journey improved to 8-for-16 lifetime with $503,674 earned and gave Asmussen and Lynch their second win in the race, after teaming up with Switzerland in 2018.

"He was a nice horse. Switzerland was straightforward. He went to the lead that day and never looked back," Lynch said. "That was easy. I was just steering. This one was a little tougher."

One race after this year's De Francis, Lynch and Asmussen won again as New York-bred Captain Bombastic upset the $100,000 Polynesian Stakes for owner Team Hanley. The 4-yearold son of Forty Tales scored by a length in 1:36.11 for a mile on the dirt.

"It's great to win it again for Steve," Lynch said. "I'm just thankful to be part of the team. He's been very good to me and supports me when he comes into town. It's a pleasure to ride for him."

HELLO BEAUTIFUL ADDS WEATHER VANE

With regular jockey Sheldon Russell on crutches and watching from the grandstand, Hello Beautiful rolled to a triumph in the $100,000 Weather Vane Stakes on the De Francis undercard. The day's fourth race looked like it belonged to the favorite on paper, as she started as the 1-5 favorite in a field of five, and was even more so in reality. Hello Beautiful and Jevian Toledo led by more at every call and won by 10¼ lengths over Coconut Cake with Never Enough Time third after 6 furlongs in 1:09.56.

Russell's wife, trainer Brittany Russell, fought back tears as she tried to explain how much the victory meant to her team, particularly since her husband–Maryland's top money-earning jockey this year at the time of his Sept. 9 foot injury–will be out indefinitely.

"It's really bittersweet. I had a tear in my eye, watching it with Sheldon," she said. "She's just so special."

In a pre-race spill Sept. 9, Sheldon Russell suffered a Lisfranc injury involving bones and ligaments in the middle part of his right foot and opted for surgery to repair the damage.

Owned by Madaket Stables, Albert Frassetto, Mark Parkinson, K-Mac Stables and Magic City Stables Hello Beautiful had been ridden by Russell in 14 of her first 16 starts. Toledo proved to be a worthy substitute.

"She's a really special filly. When you have a nice horse like her, anyone can win on her like that," Toledo said. "I have to give her all the credit. I just put her in the front and she grabbed the bit the whole way. In the stretch I just showed her the stick and she took off, and when I looked back it was easy enough so I just took hold of her and she came back real easy to me." ✷

Stakes results for Laurel Park

9/18 **Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3** ($200K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **JALEN JOURNEY** (b.r., 6, With Distinction—Petunia Face, by Congrats). B-Dennis Foster and Edward Pendray (Fla.). O-Rockingham Ranch and David A. Bernsen LLC. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:09.52. Margin: (¾). 2nd: **Wondrwherecraigis** (DQ from first). 3rd: **Kalu**.

9/18 **Polynesian** ($100K). 1 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **CAPTAIN BOMBASTIC** (ch.c., 4, Forty Tales—Stolen Star, by Cat Thief). B-Chester Broman and Mary R. Broman (N.Y.). O-Team Hanley. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:36.11. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Phat Man**. 3rd: **Roadster**.

9/18 **Twixt** ($100K). 1 mi. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **DREAMALILDREAMOFU** (b.f., 4, Commissioner—Dreamed to Dream, by Deputy Wild Cat). B-Tom Cross (Ky.). O-Full of Run Racing LLC and Madaket Stables LLC. T-Brad H. Cox. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:36.28. Margin: head. 2nd: **Artful Splatter**. 3rd: **Josie**.

9/18 **Weather Vane** ($100K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **HELLO BEAUTIFUL** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Golden Lad—Hello Now, by Tiznow). B-Hillwood Stables (Md.). O-Madaket Stables, Albert Frassetto, Mark Parkinson, K-Mac Stables and Magic City Stables. T-Brittany Russell. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:09.56. Margin: 10¼. 2nd: **Coconut Cake**. 3rd: **Never Enough Time**.

10/2 **Laurel Futurity** ($150K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 2YO.

Winner: **READY TO PURRFORM** (ch.c., Kitten's Joy—Elementar, by More Than Ready). B-Bonne Chance Farm (Ky.). O-Donegal Racing. T-Brad H. Cox. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:43.03. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Stride**. 3rd: **Wish Me Home**.

10/2 **Selima** ($150K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 2YO F.

Winner: **CONSUMER SPENDING** (gr./ro.f., More Than Ready—Siempre Mia, by Scat Daddy). B-Forging Oaks Farm (Ky.). O-Klaravich Stables Inc. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Victor R. Carrasco. Time: 1:43.21. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **She's Like Thunder**. 3rd: **Evangeline Allons**.

10/2 **All Along** ($100K). 1⅛ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **TUNED (GB)** (ch.m., 5, Toronado-Ire—Zagora-Fr, by Green Tune). B/O-Al Shaqab Racing (Great Britain). T-H. Graham Motion. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:49.43. Margin: 3¾. 2nd: **Oyster Box**. 3rd: **Sweet Sami D**.

10/2 **Japan Turf Cup** ($100K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **TIDE OF THE SEA** (b.h., 5, English Channel—Routine, by Empire Maker). B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (Ky.). O-Three Diamonds Farm. T-Michael J. Maker. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 2:28.19. Margin: 1¾. 2nd: **Hierarchy**. 3rd: **Gunnison**.

10/2 **Laurel Dash** ($100K). 5½ F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **XY SPEED** (b.g., 5, First Samurai—Paloma P, by Any Given Saturday). B-Monticule (Ky.). O-Winning Stables Inc. T-Gerald S. Bennett. J-Jorge Ruiz. Time: 1:02.45. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Battle Station**. 3rd: **Cannon's Roar**.

STAKES WINNERS

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In his final prep for the Breeders' Cup, Knicks Go won the Grade 3 Lukas Classic by an easy 4 lengths.

Maryland-bred

HELLO BEAUTIFUL, dk.b./br.f., 2017, Golden Lad—Hello Now, by Tiznow. Bred by Hillwood Stables; owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Albert Frasetto, Mark Parkinson, K-Mac Stables & Magic City Stables LLC; trained by Brittany Russell. $100,000 **What a Summer S**, 6 fur., F&M, 4&up, Laurel, Jan. 16; $100,000 **Alma North S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Pimlico, July 31; $100,000 **Weather Vane S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Laurel, Sept. 18; 2nd **Shine Again S**.

KNICKS GO, gr./ro.h., 2016, Paynter—Kosmo's Buddy, by Outflanker. Bred by Angie Moore; owned by Korea Racing Authority; trained by Brad H. Cox. $3,000,000 **Pegasus World Cup Invitational S-G1**, 1⅛ mi., 4&up, Gulfstream, Jan. 23; $300,000 **Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H-G3**, 1⅛ mi., 3&up, Prairie Meadows, July 2; $1,000,000 **Whitney S-G1**, 1⅛ mi., 4&up, Saratoga, Aug. 7; $300,000 **Lukas Classic S-G3**, 1⅛ mi., 3&up, Churchill, Oct. 2.

MURPH, b.f., 2019, Malibu Moon—Fire of Freedom, by Street Cry (Ire). Bred by CandyLand Farm; owned by Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; trained by Brittany Russell. $100,000 **Small Wonder S**, 5½ fur., Del.-bred or certified 2YO fillies, Delaware, Sept. 25.

STREET LUTE, ch.f., 2018, Street Magician—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute. Bred by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman; owned by Lucky 7 Stables; trained by John J. Robb. $100,000 **Xtra Heat S**, 6 fur., 3YO fillies, Laurel, Jan. 16; $100,000 **Wide Country S**, 7 fur., 3YO fillies, Laurel, Feb. 20; $100,000 **Stormy Blues S**, 5 fur. (off turf), 3YO fillies, Pimlico, June 13; $100,000 **Tax Free Shopping Distaff S**, 6 fur., Del.-bred or certified F&M, 3&up, Delaware, Sept. 25; 3rd **Beyond The Wire S**.

TAPPIN CAT, b.g., 2016, Tritap—Elusory, by Broken Vow. Bred by Paul L. Fowler Jr.; owned by Non Stop Stable; trained by Gary Capuano. $75,000 **DTHA Governors Day H**, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3&up who had started at Delaware Park (excluding stakes) in 2021, Delaware, Sept. 25.

WHERESHETOLDMETOGO, ch.g., 2015, El Padrino—Undisputed Legend, by Domestic Dispute. Bred by David H. Wade; owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Ten Strike Racing, Michael E. Kisber & BTR Racing Inc.; trained by Brittany Russell. $75,000 **Not For Love S**, 6 fur., registered MD-bred or sired, 4&up, Laurel, March 13; $50,000 **Alapocas Run S**, 6 fur., 3&up, Delaware, July 3; $100,000 **New Castle S**, 6 fur., Del.-bred or certified, 3&up, Delaware, Sept. 25; 3rd **Challedon S**.

New Jersey-bred

GOLDEN BROWN, dk.b./br.g., 2015, Offlee Wild—Suzee Sunrise, by Chester House. Bred by Esther de Jong; owned by ABL Stable, Dominic Bossone, Peter Donnelly & Nadine Schnoor; trained by Patrick B. McBurney. $75,000 **John J. Reilly H**, 6 fur., registered NJ-breds, 3&up, Monmouth, July 4; $85,000 **Joey P. H**, 5 fur., turf, registered NJ-breds, 3&up, Monmouth Park, Sept. 19; 2nd **New Jersey Breeders H**, **Mr. Prospector S**.

ROSELBA, b.m., 2016, Private Interview—Elba, by Mo Mon. Bred & owned by Colonial Farms; trained by Rory K. Huston. $85,000 **Pinot Grigio H**, 5 fur., turf, registered NJ-bred F&M, 3&up, Monmouth, Sept. 18.

SPEAKING, dk.b./br.g., 2019, Mr Speaker—High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy. Bred & owned by Holly Crest Farm; trained by Eddie Owens Jr. $100,000 **Smoke Glacken S** (plus $15,000 NJ-Bred Enhancement), 6 fur., 2YO, Monmouth, Sept. 26.

Pennsylvania-bred

CHAMPION BY DESIGN, dk.b./br.g., 2019, Jump Start—More Than This, by Ghostzapper. Bred by Stephen Mark Hayes; owned by Jennifer R. Hayes; trained by Katy Cheeks. $100,000 **Mark McDermott S**, 6 fur., registered PA-bred 2YO, Presque Isle, Sept. 13.

CHUB WAGON, b.f., 2017, Hey Chub—Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart. Bred by Joe-Dan Farm & George Chestnut; owned by Daniel J. Lopez & George Chestnut; trained by Guadalupe Preciado. $100,000 **Unique Bella S**, 7 fur., registered PA-bred F&M, 3&up, Parx, April 27; $100,000 **Skipat S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Pimlico, May 15; $100,000 **Shine Again S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Pimlico, June 13; $100,000 **Dashing Beauty S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Delaware, July 10; $100,000 **Roamin Rachel S**, 6½ fur., F&M, 3&up, Parx, Sept. 6; $200,000 **Plum Pretty S**, 1¹⁄₁₆ mi., registered PA-bred F&M, 3&up, Parx, Sept. 25; 2nd **Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S**.

CINNABUNNY, ch.f., 2017, Golden Lad—English Mum, by Congrats. Bred by Shooting Star Stable; owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, Michael R. Anspach & Michael J. Caruso; trained by Brad H. Cox. $50,000 **Flashy Lady S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Remington, Sept. 26; 3rd **Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S**.

HOLLYWOOD TALENT, dk.b./br.g., 2011, Talent Search—Intrinsic Value, by Johannesburg. Bred by Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey; owned by King Star; trained by Juan C. Vazquez. $300,000 **Turf Monster S-G3**, 5 fur., turf, 3&up, Parx, Sept. 25.

YOU LOOK COLD, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Frosted—Lucky Draw, by Lookin At Lucky. Bred by Blackstone Farm; owned by Kinsman Stable & F L I Racing; trained by Robert R. O'Connor II. $100,000 **Finest City S**, 6 fur., registered PA-bred 2YO fillies, Presque Isle, Sept. 13.

YOU MUST CHILL, gr./ro.g., 2016, Winchill—Only Me, by Runaway Groom. Bred by Mark Grier; owned by Morris E. Kernan Jr., Yo Berbs & Jagger Inc.; trained by Jamie Ness. $200,000 **Alphabet Soup H**, 1¹⁄₁₆ mi., turf, registered PA-breds, 3&up, Parx, Sept. 25.

West Virginia-bred

FANCY HER UP, gr./ro.f., 2019, Juba—Fancy Up, by Smoke Glacken. Bred, owned & trained by John A. Casey. $75,000 **Rachel's Turn S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited WV-bred 2YO fillies, Charles Town, Sept. 18.

HYPOTHESIS, b.g., 2017, Algorithms—Ideal Thoughts, by Not For Love. Bred by Francis W. Daniel III; owned by Jill Daniel; trained by Crystal G. Pickett. $75,000 **It's Only Money S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited WV-breds, 3&up, Charles Town, June 5; $40,000 **Last Enchantment Overnight S**, 4½ fur., 3&up, Charles Town, Sept. 18.

RUN TO DAYLIGHT, b.g., 2019, Runhappy—Daylight's Coming, by Stormy Atlantic. Bred by James Franklin Miller; owned by David M. Raim; trained by Jeff C. Runco. $75,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited WV-bred 2YO, Charles Town, Sept. 18.

STALLION NEWS

by Cindy Deubler

Capo Kane joins Pennsylvania ranks

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Capo Kane, the first 3-year-old to win a stakes in 2021 when he took Aqueduct's Jerome on New Year's Day, will stand his first season in 2022 at Bonner Hill Farms in Littlestown, Pa., for $2,500 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses, with special consideration for multiple mares.

A son of champion juvenile and top sire Street Sense, Capo Kane hit the board in each of his first four starts, two in stakes, during a span of a little over three months. His first win came in his second start at 2, a Parx Racing maiden special weight at 1 mile and 70 yards in November.

He used the same front-running tactics to take the 1-mile Jerome, then faced the starter in the 1⅛ mile Withers Stakes-G3. Again gunning to the lead, he weakened late and finished third. Being pointed to the Wood Memorial-G2, he suffered a suspensory ligament injury which forced his retirement with a record of 5-2-1-1 and $147,500.

Capo Kane's pedigree meshes the top-two finishers of the 2007 Kentucky Derby-G1–Street Sense and Hard Spun, sire of his dam Twirl Me.

Capo Kane is the first foal for Darley-bred Twirl Me. Unplaced in her only start, she is out of Mambo Princess, a daughter of two prominent turf milers–French classic winner and leading sire Kingmambo and millionaire Tuzla (Fr).

A Grade 1 winner of Del Mar's Ramona Handicap in 1999, Tuzla just missed winning that year's Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 when beaten a neck by Silic (Fr). Tuzla won eight stakes (five graded) and placed in three others while earning $1,332,587 in 26 starts. As a producer, all six starters were winners, including Irish highweighted 3-year-old Toscanini and multiple graded stakes-placed Tybalt.

Bonner Hill Farms was established this year on the site of the former Godstone Farm and is managed by Cristina Holmes. The farm is also home to Pat On the Back, whose first foals arrive in 2022.

Editorial gets first winner with first starter

Freshman sire Editorial got his first winner when his first starter, My Thoughts, scored at Delaware Park Sept. 22.

Bred and owned by Harry Kassap and trained by Tim Woolley, My Thoughts was positioned just off the early leaders in the 6-furlong test, went three wide entering the turn and dug in gamely to win by a half-length.

The bay Maryland-bred filly is out of Be My Love (With Distinction) and is one of 13 foals in the first crop of Editorial, a winning half-brother to champion and champion sire Uncle Mo.

Owned by Climax Stallions, Editorial entered stud at Roland Farm in Warwick, Md., where he stood his first two years. Shuttled to Peru for the 2019 Southern Hemisphere season, he missed 2020 due to quarantine issues and a shortage of cargo planes. This year he stood at Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Md.

A son of War Front, Editorial finished second by a head in his debut and won a turf allowance at 7½ furlongs at Gulfstream Park (his only two starts) in 2017.

His stakes-placed dam Playa Maya, a daughter of Arch who sold for $1.65 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky fall mixed sale in 2010, produced eight foals, all winners. Uncle Mo (by Indian Charlie) won an Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old in 2010 after winning all three of his starts, including the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Champagne. On the board in four of five starts at 3, all stakes, he retired with five wins from eight starts and earnings of $1,606,000. At stud, he topped the nation's freshmen, second-crop and third-crop sires lists, and his 77 stakes winners include champion 2-year-old and Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Nyquist.

Playa Maya is also the dam of Irish classic-placed Could It Be Love, whose six stakes placings include a second in the Irish One Thousand Guineas-G1.

Editorial, now 7, stood the 2021 season for $2,500 live foal.

NOTES

Winchill gets first stakes winner

You Must Chill, a 5-year-old gelding from the first crop of Pennsylvania sire Winchill, closed strongly to win his stakes debut, the $200,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap, Sept. 25.

Trained by Jamie Ness for a partnership that includes his Jagger Inc., Morris Kernan Jr. and Yo Berbs, You Must Chill pushed his earnings to $263,762 from 17 starts, with 12 top-three finishes. Of his six wins, four have come this year.

A stakes winner of $288,294, Winchill entered stud in Pennsylvania in 2015. From three small crops, he has 11 winners from 14 starters–his progeny have average earnings of $60,209.

The 13-year-old bay son of Tapit stands at Timber Ridge Farm in Felton, Pa., for $3,000 live foal.

Moved in the Region

Uptowncharlybrown will stand at WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa., in 2022. The 14-year-old son of Limehouse stood at Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pa., since 2015. One of Pennsylvania's leading sires with six crops to race, he has seven stakes horses from 55 starters, and is represented in 2021 by multiple stakes winner Wait for It, his leading earner with $683,733.

Talent Search has relocated to Ronney and Nicole Brown's Pellinor Lane Farm in Charles Town, W.Va., after standing at Diamond B Farm. A multiple stakes-winning sprinter by Catienus, the 18-year-old chestnut has progeny earnings exceeding $8.6 million and is the sire of Hollywood Talent, winner of the Turf Monster Stakes-G3 at Parx Racing Sept. 25. He will stand for $1,500 with special consideration for West Virginia mares.

Left the Region

No Never No More has left Maryland to stand at Pleasant Acres Stallions in Morriston, Fla. The unraced 6-year-old son of Scat Daddy out of a half-sister to the dam of champion and leading sire No Nay Never (by Scat Daddy) entered stud in 2019 at Winding Creek Farm in Union Bridge. His oldest foals are yearlings.

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Maryland-breds reap rewards on Delaware Owners' Day

Delaware Park's annual Owners' Day card in September, which includes four $100,000 Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program stakes and two stakes restricted to horses who have started at the track during the year, offers something extra for eligible horses. Owners and trainers of Maryland-breds have definitely taken advantage.

Every year since 2015 at least one Maryland-bred has won a stakes on the day. This year's celebration, Sept. 25 at the Wilmington track, was especially rewarding with Maryland-breds winning four of the six stakes.

Whereshetoldmetogo and Street Lute added to their DCTP success by taking the New Castle and Tax Free Shopping Distaff, respectively.

Whereshetoldmetogo loves Delaware Park. The son of El Padrino trained by Brittany Russell has never been worse than second in seven starts at the track, four of them stakes. He's made three appearances on Owners Day, the first as a 2-year-old in 2017 (the last time as many as four Maryland-breds won stakes on the day). He recorded his first stakes win in that year's First State Dash. Fast forward to 2021 and he gets some revenge in the New Castle Stakes in one of his most exciting races yet in a career of exciting finishes.

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Whereshetoldmetogo won the New Castle, his second Delaware Park stakes win of the year.

One year after crossing the wire first in the New Castle, only to be disqualified to second when lugging in down the stretch, Whereshetoldmetogo came running late down the middle of the track. Jevian Toledo made sure he stayed straight and they got up to win by a neck. Two lengths separated the six-horse field at the wire. Final time for the 6 furlongs was 1:09.09.

Raced by Madaket Stables, Ten Strike Racing, Michael E. Kisber and BTR Racing, the 6-year-old gelding notched his third stakes victory of the year, and second at Delaware Park. He won the Not For Love at Laurel Park in March and Delaware's Alapocas Run in July.

Whereshetoldmetogo won his ninth stakes. He placed in Parx Racing's Gallant Bob Stakes-G3 in 2018 when he tried to savage Firenze Fire and was beaten a neck, and improved to 12-5-3 from 30 career starts, for earnings of $699,791.

Bred by David Wade, Whereshetoldmetogo is one of five winners from six starters for his dam Undisputed Legend, a daughter of Domestic Dispute. The mare produced a Mendelssohn colt in February and was bred back to Vekoma for 2022.

Street Lute, who kicked off her career at Delaware Park with back-to-back wins last September, has won three times in as many starts at the track.

The first of her eight stakes victories came in last year's Small Wonder Stakes on Owners Day. Seeking to get back to

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Street Lute is now 2-for-2 on Owners' Day, adding the Tax Free Shopping Distaff to her victory in last year's Small Wonder Stakes.

Murph galloped home in the Small Wonder for her first victory, and one of two stakes wins on the card for trainer Brittany Russell.

the winner's circle after two consecutive losses this summer, the 3-year-old Street Magician filly faced older mares in the Tax Free Shopping Distaff.

Despite her recent form, the Lucky 7 Stables colorbearer was sent off as the favorite in a field of six. Rated off swift early fractions, Street Lute made a five-wide move and passed the dueling pacesetters late to win by three-quarters of a length ahead of fellow Maryland-bred Malibu Beauty. Her final time for the 6 furlongs was 1:09.45.

Named Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly after winning five of six starts last year, four stakes, and finishing second once, Street Lute put together a five-stakes win streak from November to February. This year she has won four times, all stakes, and has boosted her career earnings to $545,720 in 14 starts.

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman, Street Lute was purchased by her trainer Jerry Robb as a yearling for $10,500 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. She is the only starter for her dam Alottalute, a daughter of Midnight Lute who has produced four foals, the youngest a yearling full-sister to Street Lute named Mama's Eyes. Alottalute was bred to Game Winner for 2022.

This year's Small Wonder went to Cash is King and LC Racing's Murph, a daughter of Malibu Moon who ran away from six rivals to break her maiden by 4½ lengths.

Second in her first two starts, both at Pimlico, the Russell trained filly shipped north and got a work over the

Maryland breeding numbers up in 2021

According to The Jockey Club's 2020 breeding statistics, Maryland ranked sixth among states and provinces with the most mares covered by Maryland stallions in 2020, and show a 3.6 percent increase in the number of live foals by those stallions in 2021 when compared to 2020.

With statistics compiled through Oct. 4, reports were received for 524 Maryland-sired live foals; in 2020 there were 506. Only two other states/provinces showed a rise in numbers: New Mexico (up 4.2 percent) and Ontario (up 2.6 percent). The Jockey Club estimates that the number of live foals reported so far is approximately 85-90 percent complete.

Maryland saw 832 mares covered by 32 stallions, with an average of 26 mares per stallions. The average book size was the second highest in the nation, behind only Kentucky.

Maryland stallions with more than 20 live foals reported in 2021, based on The Jockey Club's 2020 breeding statistics were Golden Lad, Northview Stallion Station (65); Irish War Cry, Northview Stallion Station (52); Great Notion, Northview Stallion Station (40); Madefromlucky, Northview Stallion Station (36); Bourbon Courage, Anchor and Hope Farm (35); Force the Pass, Anchor and Hope Farm (33); Divining Rod, Country Life Farm (31); Blofeld, Murmur Farm (24); Long River, Anchor and Hope Farm (22); Imagining, Anchor and Hope Farm (20); Friesan Fire, Country Life Farm (20).

The Jockey Club reported that 1,447 stallions covered 29,699 mares in North America during 2020, resulting in 19,021 live foals of 2021 being reported on Live Foal Reports, a 3.3 percent decrease from last year's 19,677. ❧

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track a week before her stakes debut. She went off as second choice, broke from the inside post and held her place along the rail while stalking the early leaders through splits of :22.27, :46.15, :57.80. She shot to the front turning for home and extended to the wire to complete 5½ furlongs in 1:03.72, a time nearly identical to the 2-year-old males later on the card. The race resulted in a Maryland-bred trifecta as late-running Whiteknuckleflyer finished second and Mama G's Wish was third.

"It worked out beautiful today," said Russell, who added blinkers, noting the filly had a good work with them. "Breaking from the rail had me a little concerned because in her last race breaking from the rail did not really work out. She was a maiden so she had to answer some questions today."

Chuck Zacney purchased Murph for $140,000 from her breeder CandyLand Farm at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. She is the fifth winner from seven starters for Fire of Freedom, a daughter of Street Cry (Ire) who has also produced multiple graded stakes-placed Travel Advisory (Stormy Atlantic). Sold by CandyLand for $4,500 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale, Fire of Freedom hasn't had a live foal reported since.

The $75,000 DTHA Governors Day Handicap, restricted to horses who had started at Delaware Park during the year, was won by Non Stop Stable's Tappin Cat, who held on to win by a head. Bred in Maryland by Paul Fowler Jr., he covered the mile and 70 yards in 1:39.92. (For more on Tappin Cat, see Delaware Park–The Story on page 40). ❧

TERF grant to MHF

The Maryland Horse Foundation has received a grant from the Thoroughbred Education & Research Foundation, a fund of the Chester County Community Foundation for educational programs.

"We are thrilled to receive this funding and grateful to the TERF Trustees for considering our application" said Jordyn Egan, MHF director of development. "TERF has been a great partner in the past and this support allows us to work creatively with people that are committed to a career in the Maryland Thoroughbred industry."

Details on the 2022 Maryland Horse Foundation education programs will be available in the coming months. ❧

Four Maryland-breds reach six figures at Keeneland September

A colt by Speightstown out of Southampton Way, purchased by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong for $300,000, topped the nine Maryland-breds sold Sept. 13-24 at the Keeneland September yearling sale in Lexington, Ky. The group brought a combined gross of $1,030,000, for an average price of $114,444, and a median of $70,000.

Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds and consigned by Hidden Brook, the highest-priced colt is the first foal produced by Southampton Way, a graded stakes-placed daughter of Into Mischief, who is a half-sister to stakes winner Tell a Great Story, graded stakes-placed Give No Quarter and stakes-placed All I Karabout.

Southampton Way delivered a filly by Constitution this April and has been bred back to Justify for 2022.

The second-highest selling Maryland-bred was a $225,000 chestnut colt by Munnings out of the Broken Vow mare I'm Engaged, who is a half-sister to Grade 2 winner Fiery Pursuit, stakes winner Stage Trick and stakes-placed Space Cruise, from the family of champions Flanders and Surfside. Purchased by Sapphire Racing, the colt originally sold for $110,000 to Hideaway Farms at this year's Keeneland January sale.

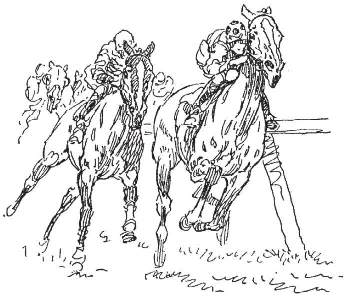
Six-figure Maryland-breds sold at this year's sale (with breeder, consignor and buyer):

$300,000. Dark bay or brown colt by Speightstown—Southampton Way, by Into Mischief; Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds; Hidden Brook, Agent VI; Alex and JoAnn Lieblong.

$225,000. Chestnut colt by Munnings—I'm Engaged, by Broken Vow; Greenspring Mares; Lane's End, Agent; Sapphire Racing.

$150,000. Bay colt by Kitten's Joy—Uniformly Yours, by Grand Slam; George Louis Doetsch Jr.; Nursery Place, Agent; Steve Carr.

$115,000. Dark bay or brown filly by Collected—Chestnut Grove, by Street Cry (Ire); Timothy J. Rooney; Bedouin Bloodstock, Agent VII; Joseph Migliore, Agent. ❧



Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
July 1 to July 31, 2021

Jameela Stakes

July 4. Purse $75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 5 fur. 7 competed. (Closed with 24 nominations) Winner: ELLANATION, by Alternation. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm ($6,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: DENDROBIA, by Denman (Aus). Breeder bonus: Thornmar Farm LLC ($2,250). Stallion bonus: None. Third: QUIET COMPANY, by Temple City. Breeder bonus: Sagamore Farm LLC ($1,125). Stallion bonus: None.

Breeder bonuses

Alan Kline Marital Trust—My My Girl: July 30, 7th race, $7,650.

Andrew E. Ali—Royalian: July 2, 8th race, $1,500.

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—Ink: July 9, 8th race, $1,035.

Lorna L. Baker and Thomas H. Michaels Jr.—Laki: July 4, 10th race, $3,000.

Barak Farm—Spanikopita: July 17, 4th race, $2,340.

Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC—Golden G: July 24, 5th race, $495.

William Bayne—Bernie's On Fire: July 10, 3rd race, $5,040; July 30, 1st race, $1,440. ($6,480)

Patricia Beck and Richard C. Beck—Phantom Shot: July 10, 7th race, $1,035.

James A. Blackwell—Rather Nosy: July 2, 7th race, $9,360.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—Hair of the Dog: July 25, 4th race, $750. Raeford: July 16, 8th race, $630. ($1,380)

Bonita Farm—Calypso Ghost: July 18, 7th race, $720.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—Zip the Lip: July 4, 1st race, $495.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Michael Bishop—Mosalah: July 16, 7th race, $2,070.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Green Eyes: July 9, 4th race, $1,500. Tanka Tough: July 16, 2nd race, $945. ($2,445)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Alwaysinahurry: July 4, 8th race, $9,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Tom Terrific: July 24, 9th race, $1,020.

Bowman and Higgins Stable—Congress Hall: July 24, 3rd race, $990.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Shawn M. Howser—Bourbon Wildcat: July 23, 3rd race, $5,670.

Karen Brown, Heather Brown and Ann Merryman—Naughty Notion: July 18, 5th race, $1,890.

Shellaine Brown and Susan Baldrige—Going to the Lead: July 3, 7th race, $2,880.

Buckingham Farm—I Love You: July 4, 5th race, $7,650.

Buckingham Farm and Morgan's Ford Farm—Love My Cat: July 10, 6th race, $1,500.

Classic Thoroughbred XII—Kiss the Girl: July 23, 7th race, $3,120.

Clover Hill Farm Inc.—Crack the Safe: July 4, 11th race, $4,500. Make It a Double: July 31, 2nd race, $1,260. ($5,760)

Randy L. Cohen and Alyse L. Cohen—Stand My Ground: July 25, 1st race, $495.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—Mr. Mox: July 11, 2nd race, $8,280.

Country Life Farm and Sassy Molly LLC—Pepe and Heywood: July 2, 1st race, $3,780.

Country Roads Ltd.—Tapdancing Girl: July 17, 4th race, $7,020.

Dark Hollow Farm—Betcha by Golly: July 4, 5th race, $2,550. Ellanation: July 4, 7th race, $6,750. Tauber: July 25, 3rd race, $1,320. ($10,620)

Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Davidov and Schwaber—Forever Dreaming: July 16, 5th race, $7,020.

John C. Davison—Love Dust: July 25, 8th race, $1,260.

Hassan Elamri—Golden Can: July 9, 2nd race, $6,210.

Robert S. Evans—Speed Lane: July 4, 5th race, $1,275.

Joan Parker Everett—Gifted Heart: July 2, 7th race, $1,560.

Steve R. Ferguson—Rapid Response: July 31, 9th race, $6,210.

Finale Farm and Mr. and Mrs. David Moose—Hufflepuff: July 4, 6th race, $1,035; July 30, 5th race, $2,070. ($3,105)

Cary D. Frommer—Zig: July 3, 6th race, $2,970.

Scott C. Fuchs—No Fooling Dude: July 4, 2nd race, $4,500.

Gainesway Thoroughbreds Limited—Petition Prayer: July 30, 3rd race, $8,280.

Robert J. Gerczak—Antipoison: July 4, 3rd race, $1,170; July 25, 2nd race, $7,020. Dialing Dixie: July 31, 9th race, $1,035. Little Bay: July 24, 5th race, $990. Miss Old Bay: July 10, 9th race, $3,780. ($13,995)

Cornelia Sloan Gibson—Dixie's Fascinator: July 10, 6th race, $750.

Glenangus Farm LLC—Epic Rise: July 24, 1st race, $1,170.

William R. Gotwals—Polished Gal: July 25, 6th race, $4,320.

Mark B. Grier—Field Pass: July 24, 8th race, $9,000.

Michael J. Harrison DVM—Broadway Melody: July 17, 4th race, $1,170. Judi Blue Eyes: July 23, 7th race, $1,560. ($2,730)

Terri Haupt—Talented Dr. B: July 16, 4th race, $371.40

Hearts Desire Farm LLC and Winding Creek Farm—Looks Don't Lie: July 16, 1st race, $750.

Hillwood Stable LLC—Hello Amigo: July 3, 5th race, $1,170. Hello Beautiful: July 31, 4th race, $9,000. ($10,170)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—Ima Ima Starboy: July 10, 2nd race, $6,210. Le Weekend: July 10, 7th race, $6,210. ($12,420)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Charles Reed—Monster Rising: July 18, 5th race, $945.

Hope Hill Farm—Buff My Boots: July 16, 2nd race, $5,670.

Joanna J. Ingham Trust—I've Gotta Plan: July 2, 4th race, $750.

Jagger Inc.—Aprilness: July 31, 5th race, $1,560. Stevethevandriver: July 17, 3rd race, $5,670. Wessington Springs: July 17, 3rd race, $1,890. ($9,120)

R. Larry Johnson—Who Knows What: July 23, 3rd race, $1,890.

Harry Kassap LLC—Left Blank: July 31, 7th race, $945. Perfume River: July 16, 7th race, $1,035. ($1,980)

Carol A. Kaye—Air Token: July 9, 7th race, $9,360. Can the Queen: July 24, 4th race, $9,000. Charm City Band: July 30, 4th race, $1,500. ($19,860)

Joanne P. Krishack—Dr. Rusty Raymond: July 11, 1st race, $1,260; July 25, 3rd race, $3,960. ($5,220)

Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—Bourbon Gal: July 11, 3rd race, $1,500.

Little Man Farm—Benny Havens: July 11, 5th race, $1,440. Insightful: July 9, 2nd race, $2,070. ($3,510)

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—Cordmaker: July 31, 6th race, $1,500.

Marathon Farm Inc.—Closer Look: July 25, 7th race, $6,210. Fool Yourself: July 3, 2nd race, $6,210. Rockin Ron: July 17, 1st race, $750. ($13,170)

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—Dontcrossfuzzy: July 17, 3rd race, $945.

Edwin Merryman and Adena Springs—Awesome Jazz: July 10, 2nd race, $1,035; July 30, 8th race, $2,070. ($3,105)

Mezza Luna Farm LLC—Tidal Waters: July 23, 3rd race, $945.

Bryan B. Minnich—Netti Girl: July 31, 2nd race, $630.

Angie G. Moore—Cosmicality: July 4, 3rd race, $7,020.

Angie Moore and Tiznow Syndicate—Mystic Times: July 16, 4th race, $371.40

Kevin P. Morgan—Mavilus: July 16, 6th race, $1,260. Mr. d'Angelo: July 17, 2nd race, $2,070. ($3,330)

Athol W. Morgan M.D.—Ms. Haiti: July 30, 2nd race, $1,500.

Morgan's Ford Farm—Gottaway: July 11, 6th race, $495.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—Amplio Esquema: July 16, 5th race, $1,170.

Audrey R. Murray—Pay the Kid: July 2, 4th race, $4,500. Pet's Night: July 2, 1st race, $630; July 23, 2nd race, $630. Pounding Music: July 16, 5th race, $2,340. ($8,100)

Nancy Lee Farms—Sing a Verse: July 2, 6th race, $495.

Clarke Ohrstrom—Fox Force Five: July 18, 5th race, $5,670.

Ronald Harris Parker—Marvella Nasty: July 30, 7th race, $1,275.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—Paint Music for Me: July 17, 1st race, $1,500. R B's Star: July 2, 3rd race, $7,020. ($8,520)

Joel Politi—Thunder Boss: July 2, 3rd race, $2,340.

Maryland-bred top earners in 2021

(through October 6)

1.	Knicks Go	$4,204,140	11.	Whereshetoldmetogo	$158,500
2.	Jaxon Traveler	281,448	12.	Runup	151,910
3.	Street Lute	255,500	13.	Band On Tour	150,110
4.	Aloha West	221,068	14.	Kiss the Girl	133,720
5.	Hello Beautiful	207,500	15.	Air Token	129,726
6.	Exculpatory	204,262	16.	Harpers First Ride	126,609
7.	Malibu Beauty	186,118	17.	Margie's Heaven	125,951
8.	Tappin Cat	175,231	18.	McElmore Avenue	124,855
9.	Field Pass	167,250	19.	Laki	123,500
10.	Cordmaker	163,500	20.	Galerio	121,827

Quest Realty—Moonzano: July 2, 1st race, $1,260; July 23, 2nd race, $3,780. ($5,040)

Cynthia K. Rickman—Clever and Great: July 25, 1st race, $990.

Eric A. Rizer and Nancy M. Rizer—Subject to Change: July 31, 1st race, $750.

Timothy J. Rooney—B Determined: July 30, 8th race, $6,210. Oil on Canvas: July 3, 2nd race, $1,035. Premiere Choice: July 11, 8th race, $1,170. ($8,415)

John Ryan and Monica Ryan—Pascal Chant: July 9, 5th race, $1,020.

Sagamore Farm LLC—Harpers First Ride: July 31, 6th race, $9,000. Quiet Company: July 4, 7th race, $1,125; July 23, 7th race, $9,360. Youngest of Five: July 9, 7th race, $1,560. ($21,045)

Shamrock Farm—Sue Loves Barbados: July 30, 6th race, $1,440.

M. Terry Shane—Margie's Heaven: July 10, 8th race, $7,650.

Stephen T. Sinatra—Jackie A: July 11, 8th race, $7,020.

Skeedattle Associates—Sweet Talking Girl: July 11, 3rd race, $4,500.

Mary Slade—Grand Skylark: July 10, 8th race, $1,275; July 31, 5th race, $780. ($2,055)

James Claude Smith Jr.—Smitten Enough: July 4, 11th race, $750; July 25, 4th race, $4,500. ($5,250)

South Branch Equine LLC—Favorite Image: July 23, 5th race, $4,500.

Bob G. Sowder—Goldie's Boy: July 2, 8th race, $4,500.

Smith Farm and Stable—El Rojo: July 23, 6th race, $495.

St Augustine Manor LLC—Lady Tizmo: July 10, 1st race, $630.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—Buff's in Love: July 18, 3rd race, $1,035; July 25, 6th race, $1,440. Dulce Kiara: July 18, 1st race, $7,020. ($9,495)

The Elkstone Group LLC—Delaware Destroyer: July 17, 2nd race, $6,210. Hitch a Ride: July 30, 7th race, $2,550. Self Awareness: July 4, 2nd race, $1,500. ($10,260)

The Etched Racing Partnership—Acadian Girl: July 3, 1st race, $2,970.

Thomas L. Teal—Rad Paisley: July 3, 5th race, $7,020.

Thornmar Farm LLC—Dendrobia: July 4, 7th race, $2,250. Gale Winds: July 30, 6th race, $2,880. Galofmydreams: July 10, 1st race, $3,780. Royal Thunder: July 31, 1st race, $4,500. ($13,410)

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—Keepyourskateson: July 9, 4th race, $750; July 30, 2nd race, $750. ($1,500)

University of Maryland—Hell in a Shell: July 30, 2nd race, $4,500.

David H. Wade—Whereshetoldmetogo: July 31, 8th race, $1,500.

Warning Drums Racing LLC—Gleaming Sword: July 4, 11th race, $1,500; July 25, 4th race, $1,500. ($3,000)

Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC and Bowman and Higgins Stable—Local Motive: July 24, 1st race, $7,020.

Winners Circle Partners VIII—Golazo: July 23, 6th race, $990.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—Sarah's Treasure: July 3, 4th race, $630.

Stallion bonuses

Admiral Alex (Grand Skylark: July 10, 8th race, $425; July 31, 5th race, $260): Leon Blusiewicz—$685.

Baltimore Bob (Little Bay: July 24, 5th race, $330): Robert Gerczak.

Bandbox (Dulce Kiara: July 18, 1st race, $2,340. Hello Amigo: July 3, 5th race, $390): Bandbox Syndicate—$2,730.

Barbados (Insightful: July 9, 2nd race, $690. Sue Loves Barbados: July 30, 6th race, $480): Shamrock Farm—$1,170.

Bourbon Courage (Bourbon Gal: July 11, 3rd race, $500. Bourbon Wildcat: July 23, 3rd race, $1,890. Ink: July 9, 8th race, $345. Make It a Double: July 31, 2nd race, $420. Marvella Nasty: July 30, 7th race, $425): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$3,580.

Buffum (Buff My Boots: July 16, 2nd race, $1,890. Buff's in Love: July 18, 3rd race, $345; July 25, 6th race, $480. Hell in a Shell: July 30, 2nd race, $1,500. Ima Ima Starboy: July 10, 2nd race, $2,070): Northview for Buffum Syndicate—$6,285.

Cal Nation (Judi Blue Eyes: July 23, 7th race, $520): Cal Nation Syndicate.

Cuba (Laki: July 4, 10th race, $1,000): J&S Stables LLC.

Divining Rod (Local Motive: July 24, 1st race, $2,340. Mr. Mox: July 11, 2nd race, $2,760. Petition Prayer: July 30, 3rd race, $2,760): Country Life Farm—$7,860.

Etched (Calypso Ghost: July 18, 7th race, $240. Pascal Chant: July 9, 5th race, $340): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership—$580.

Freedom Child (Tom Terrific: July 24, 9th race, $340): Freedom Child Syndicate.

Friesan Fire (Bernie's On Fire: July 10, 3rd race, $1,680; July 30, 1st race, $480): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$2,160.

Golden Lad (Air Token: July 9, 7th race, $3,120. Broadway Melody: July 17, 4th race, $390. Golden Can: July 9, 2nd race, $2,070. Hello Beautiful: July 31, 4th race, $3,000. Margie's Heaven: July 10, 8th race, $2,550. Tidal Waters: July 23, 3rd race, $315): Golden Lad Syndicate—$11,445.

Great Notion (Alwaysinahurry: July 4, 8th race, $3,000). Clever and Great: July 25, 1st race, $330. Le Weekend: July 10, 7th race, $2,070. Naughty Notion: July 18, 5th race, $630. Rapid Response: July 31, 9th race, $2,070. Sing a Verse: July 2, 6th race, $165. Stevethevandriver: July 17, 3rd race, $1,890. Zig: July 3, 6th race, $990): Great Notion Syndicate—$11,145.

Hangover Kid (Hair of the Dog: July 25, 4th race, $250. Pay the Kid: July 2, 4th race, $1,500. Pounding Music: July 16, 5th race, $780): Hangover Kid Syndicate—$2,530.

Holy Boss (Thunder Boss: July 2, 3rd race, $780): Holy Boss Syndicate.

Imagining (Delaware Destroyer: July 17, 2nd race, $2,070. Favorite Image: July 23, 5th race, $1,500. Green Eyes: July 9, 4th race, $500. Zip the Lip: July 4, 1st race, $165): Imagining Syndicate—$4,235.

Kobe's Back (Epic Rise: July 24, 1st race, $390): Bonita Farm.

Mosler (Crack the Safe: July 4, 11th race, $1,500. Dontcrossfuzzy: July 17, 3rd race, $315). Fool Yourself: July 3, 2nd race, $2,070. Monster Rising: July 18, 5th race, $315. Pepe and Heywood: July 2, 1st race, $1,260): Country Life Farm, Adele Dilschneider and Seth Hancock—$5,460.

Nicanor (Miss Old Bay: July 10, 9th race, $1,260): Nicanor Syndicate.

Norumbega (Acadian Girl: July 3, 1st race, $990): Bonita Farm and Stuart Janney III LLC.

Orientate (Mavilus: July 16, 6th race, $420. No Fooling Dude: July 4, 2nd race, $1,500): Orientate Syndicate—$1,920.

Outflanker (Benny Havens: July 11, 5th race, $480): Outflanker Syndicate.

Petionville (Ms. Haiti: July 30, 2nd race, $500. Pet's Night: July 2, 1st race, $210; July 23, 2nd race, $210. Raeford: July 16, 8th race, $210. Royalian: July 2, 8th race, $500): Everest Stables Inc.—$1,630.00

Plan (I've Gotta Plan: July 2, 4th race, $250. Polished Gal: July 25, 6th race, $1,440): Stronach Group LP—$1,690.

Redeemed (Going to the Lead: July 3, 7th race, $960. Gottaway: July 11, 6th race, $165): Redeemed Syndicate—$1,125.

Seville (Ger) (Amplio Esquema: July 16, 5th race, $390. Dixie's Fascinator: July 10, 6th race, $250. Goldie's Boy: July 2, 8th race, $1,500. I Love You: July 4, 5th race, $2,550. Left Blank: July 31, 7th race, $315. Mosalah: July 16, 7th race, $690. Mr. d'Angelo: July 17, 2nd race, $690. Perfume River: July 16, 7th race, $345): Seville Syndicate—$6,730.

Street Magician (Tanka Tough: July 16, 2nd race, $315): R. Larry Johnson.

Super Ninety Nine (Gifted Heart: July 2, 7th race, $520): Country Life Farm.

Tritap (Tapdancing Girl: July 17, 4th race, $2,340): Tritap Syndicate.

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Golden Brown captures Joey P. Handicap for sixth state-bred stakes victory

Golden Brown isn't just enjoying his golden years, he's excelling in them.

The 6-year-old gelding notched his sixth state-bred stakes victory and the 10th overall win of his career by surging to a 1-length victory over Like What I See in the $85,000 Joey P. Handicap at Monmouth Park.

Though he had never raced at the 5-furlong distance in his previous 30 career starts, while also being absent from the turf since Nov. 9, 2019, Golden Brown overcame both variables to outclass eight other Jersey-breds, clocking home in :56.55 over a firm turf course.

"Year after year he just shows up here," said winning trainer Pat McBurney. "He's getting up there in age but 56 and 2 today was really impressive, I thought. He seems to be as good as he has ever been."

A Grade 3 winner in 2018 (the Kent Stakes at Delaware Park), the son of Offlee Wild

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boosted his career earnings to $744,620 with his latest victory. It was also his second state-bred stakes victory of the meet.

"I was worried about him being back on the turf and trying this short, but he is a very good sprinter," said jockey Paco Lopez. "He is one of those horses who can do anything. I wanted to make sure he was in a good position so maybe I rode him a little more aggressively early because of this race being short.

"Every time you ask him, he gives you something. I love this horse. Long, short, dirt, turf. . . he can handle anything."

For Golden Brown, meanwhile, he hadn't be asked to tried something shorter than 5½ furlongs since his racing debut in 2017 at 4½ furlongs. He has won short, long, in the slop, on the dirt and on the turf.

"I would have preferred 5½ furlongs over 5, but he has been sprinting so well this year we needed to take a shot," said McBurney. "I literally said to the owners as the horses were going into the gate that I did not realize it had been so long that he has been on the turf. The one long turf race he would normally run in [the Dan Horn] was canceled this year so we didn't have that to run in and just with him having been a little sick and playing catch up with him I decided to keep him short and in Jersey-bred company. We can't pass that up."

Owned by ABL Stable, Dominic Bossone, Peter Donnelly and Natalie Schnoor, Golden Brown was mid-pack in the early stages as Like What I See blazed early fractions of 22 seconds-flat for the opening quarter and :44.96 for the half. Lopez angled Golden Brown outside coming out of the final turn and, going three-wide, he was able to wear down Like What I See late. It was another 4 lengths back to the McBurney-trained Lucky Jaime in third.

Golden Brown was bred in New Jersey by Esther de Jong.

Leading New-Jersey breds at 2021 Monmouth Meet

The following is a list of the top 10 highest-earning New Jersey-breds during the 52-day Monmouth Park meet from May 28-September 26.

Horse	*Breeder*	*Earnings*
Alta Velocita	Law Legacy Stables	$173,100
Golden Brown	Esther de Jong	$136,000
Amatteroftime	New Farm	$111,281
Dantastic	Thomas Ryan	$111,250
Pickin' Time	John Bowers, Jr.	$110,000
Postino's Vow	Law Legacy Stables	$105,000
Speaking	Holly Crest Farm	$103,125
Beatubyachubinose	Joe-Dan Farm	$94,250
No Bull Jack	Holly Crest Farm	$93,875
He'spuregold	John Bowers, Jr.	$93,750

Roselba captures Pinot Grigio for Huston, Peterson

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Roselba took control of the lead midway through the backstretch and then had just enough left to hold off the relentless stretch-long challenge from Bramble Bay to win the $85,000 Pinot Grigio Handicap Sept. 18 at Monmouth Park.

Trained by Rory Huston and ridden by Ferrin Peterson, Roselba resisted the prolonged attempt by Bramble Bay to go by, winning by a neck and posting her first career stakes victory and second win in the past three starts.

The winning time for the 5 furlongs over a firm turf course was :56.98. It was another 8½ lengths back in third to Ask Around.

"My strategy was to get the lead," said Peterson. "There wasn't much pace in the race. When the outside horse [Jersey Jewel] was gunning for it right away I thought that I didn't want to burn my horse up early, so I let her go on with it. But then as we were approaching the turn she was coming over on us to force pressure. I decided I didn't need to get squeezed out and get in trouble, it's five furlongs, you have to let her go. So I let her go again and she was happy to go."

"My main concern was Bramble Bay and I felt going in that I had to open up enough so that Bramble Bay had a lot of ground to make up. I didn't expect him to be that close early on in the stretch. I could hear [jockey] Paco Lopez yelling, I could hear his horse breathing, and I'm screaming to my horse. I love winning that way, when it's really a duel and it takes a horse to show a lot of heart."

Roselba, a Colonial Farm homebred, paid $5.20 to win in the field of seven Jersey-bred distaffers.

The 5-year-old daughter of Private Interview posted her fourth victory in 16 career starts and is now 2-for-3 sprinting on the grass.

"She's getting better as she gets older," said Huston. "The other grass race she won she was game in that race as well."

"She is always close [to the speed] early. We figured, as long as she didn't get into a speed duel, she would be fine. Ferrin Peterson had to back off a little bit early on but then made the move for the lead at the right time midway through the backside."

Speaking impressive in Smoke Glacken Stakes

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Holly Crest Farm homebred Speaking dazzled a field of open company 2-year-olds with a 3¼-length victory in the $100,000 Smoke Glacken Stakes.

Trained by Eddie Owens Jr. and ridden by Gerardo Corrales, Speaking turned in a sharp winning time of 1:10.12 for the 6 furlongs. Forty Stripes was second, 2¼ lengths ahead of Practical Coach in third.

"He doesn't know he's a Jersey bred – and we're not going to tell him, either," said Owens. "He showed us a lot of potential in the mornings, so we have had high expectations for him. His first race he did everything professionally [winning by 6¼ lengths] so we knew he was going to be a very nice horse."

"Today he was eye-popping. Very nice. I don't know what we have in store for him yet. We made no long-term plans. We'd like to get him to try two turns. But we're taking it race by race right now. We'll see what we find for him next. Wherever we go next, I love the way he ran today. He showed us a lot. He did it with ease."

Speaking, a recently-gelded son of Mr Speaker, is out of High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy. He is the ninth foal to race for his dam, and is a half-brother to multiple stakes winner Stiffed, who won the Monmouth Beach Stakes and Jersey Girl Handicap and placed in two Grade 3 stakes at 4, the Molly Pitcher and Rampart.

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President's message

Congratulations to all NCTA connections of the winners and runners that competed during the reporting period. There was some exciting horseracing with battles down the stretch and closers, not to mention Virginia Beach's Camptown Stakes win Sept. 1 at Colonial Downs. Congratulations, James Jones, and partners Country Life Farm.

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Racing Review

Cheeky Chaps wins at Monmouth Park for breeder Nancy Shuford.
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Cheeky Chaps (Liam's Map—One Foxy Grey, by Big Brown) won at Monmouth Park Aug. 27 at first asking on a firm turf track for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 3-year-old gray or roan gelding set the pace with a clear lead throughout the race. This son of Liam's Map went 5½ furlongs in 1:03.84 to win by 4 lengths.

Virginia Beach (Twirling Candy—Enterprise Beach, by El Prado-IRE) won the $100,000 Camptown Stakes at Colonial Downs Sept. 1 for owner in partnership James Jones. The 4-year-old bay filly stalked the front runner, battling stride for stride for the lead down the stretch and pulling off just past the furlong pole to win by 1½ lengths going 5½ furlongs on a firm turf course in 1:04.70. This is the second stakes race win for Virginia Beach.

Secret Zar (Tapizar—Keep It a Secret, by Thunder Gulch) won at Parx Racing Sept. 15 for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 5-year-old mare settled in at the back of the pack before making her closing move going wide on the final turn, picking her foes off one by one. She cleared the field to win by two lengths after going 1 1/16 miles in 1:51.27.

Always Special (Speightster—Special Cheers, by Concerto) won at Thistledown Sept. 15 for breeder and owner Beth Muirhead. The 3-year-old chestnut colt ran 5½ furlongs in 1:05.80 on a good track. He set the pace from start to finish, pulling away and finishing full of run to score by 3¼ lengths.

Virginia Beach, a winner at Delaware Park in the slop in June (pictured), captured Colonial Downs' Camptown Stakes in September. *Hoofprints Photo*

Hitting the Board

August 25 – September 24, 2021

Date	**Horse**	**Track**	**NCTA Connection**	Results
26-Aug	Noble El Sid	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
27-Aug	Cheeky Chaps	Monmouth Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	**WINNER!**
28-Aug	Guileful	Woodbine	Bred & owned by Biill Thompson -Maple Lane Farm	2nd
30-Aug	Secret Zar	Parx Racing	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd
30-Aug	Cainudothetwist	Colonial Downs	Bred & owned by Bill & Carrington Price	2nd
1-Sep	**Virginia Beach**	**Colonial Downs 100K Camptown S**	**Owned by James Jones in partnership**	**WINNER!**
9-Sep	Flat Out Flying	Delaware Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio	2nd
10-Sep	Allegheny Dbl Lime	Charles Town	Bred by Clint Lowry	3rd
15-Sep	Secret Zar	Parx Racing	Bred by Nancy Shuford	**WINNER!**
15-Sep	Always Special	Thistledown	Bred & owned by Beth Muirhead	**WINNER!**
15-Sep	Rockin Anna Rollin	Charles Town	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
16-Sep	Sag Harbor	Indiana Grand	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
16-Sep	Double Tough Tiger	Churchill Downs	Bred by Beth Muirhead	3rd
18-Sep	Tough To Tame	Churchill Downs-$300K Iroquios S G3	Bred by Beth Muirhead	2nd
20-Sep	Commander's Intent	Delaware Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd

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WELL SPELLED

Spelling It Out In Progeny Earnings

by Emily Shields

There's no way around it: Well Spelled puts up some truly staggering statistics.

The 12-year-old Godstone Farm stallion has 61 percent winners from starters this year, and is 67 percent in the same category lifetime. His average earnings per starter of $40,599 is 27 times his stud fee, and 13 percent of his juvenile starters become stakes winners.

Co-owner Frank Vento said, "At one point, he had 10 runners in a row amass five wins, four seconds, and a third at four different tracks!" Such is the legend of little-known Well Spelled.

The son of Spellbinder—Well, by Well Decorated, has started to turn heads. "Trainers of the horses that his offspring beat are starting to notice," said Judy Barrett, Godstone Farm owner and manager. "For $1,500, he's just incredible."

What made Well Spelled such a special stallion? Sire Spellbinder was a $375,000 yearling purchase by Jerry and Ann Moss of Zenyatta fame. He broke his maiden at Santa Anita in 2003 while under the tutelage of Richard Mandella, defeating future Grade 2 winner Wimbledon. In 2006, after a solid career in the allowance ranks, Spellbinder jumped up to win both the Grade 2 San Antonio Handicap and the Grade 3 Berkeley Handicap. He retired a few dollars short of half a million in earnings and 15 top-three efforts in 29 tries.

Well started just six times, winning twice in Kentucky. The Well Decorated filly may not have lit up the racetrack, but she ultimately produced first Well Spelled, and then Grade 2-winning millionaire Kobe's Back in 2011. That popular colt was a stakes winner at 2, 3, 4, and 5!

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Penn National's 2019 Horse of the Year Fish to Fry is from Well Spelled's first crop.

On the racetrack, Well Spelled exceeded expectations. Originally a $15,000 yearling purchase by Rod McVey, he was pinhooked as a juvenile for $50,000 in 2011. He broke his maiden sprinting at Aqueduct in his first race at 3 for the ownership group GSP Racing Stable and trainer Ben Perkins Jr., then quickly added an allowance race at Parx.

His stakes debut on the synthetic track at Presque Isle Downs went poorly–Well Spelled finished last in a field of seven. That left him as a 5-1 shot when he went to the post in the Grade 3 Jersey Shore Stakes at Monmouth

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Park. The $100,000 contest drew a field of six to go three-quarters of a mile on the main track. Under jockey Pablo Fragoso, Well Spelled sat last early, then rallied strongly to score by a length and a half.

"People in New Jersey remember him from that Jersey Shore Stakes," Vento said. "He showed then that he was a real special horse."

But it wasn't until his next win that Well Spelled cemented himself as a major contender. Following an allowance loss at Monmouth when third against older runners, Well Spelled was 14-1 in the $300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes at Parx Sept. 22, 2012. He would face a stellar field, including Grade 1 stars Trinniberg, Private Zone and Currency Swap.

"All of that quality in that race?" Vento said. "That had to be my favorite performance."

Well Spelled broke slowly as per usual, was last of eight more than a dozen lengths back, then rallied furiously to score by a half-length over Trinniberg, who subsequently won the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 at Santa Anita. Private Zone, who retired with more than $2.9 million in the bank, finished third, with Currency Swap toiling in seventh.

The most impressive part of the win was that Well Spelled suffered an injury in the race. "He won that race with a fractured knee that happened coming out of the gate," Vento said. "He showed tremendous heart. If he hadn't gotten hurt he would have gone to the Breeders' Cup Sprint. We were flying sky high when he won, but then there's the heat in the knee and you just crash."

Well Spelled did return to the races for a single start in 2013 and another five in 2014, but never won again. He retired with four wins, three seconds, and four thirds in 17 starts for earnings of $364,160.

"I was looking for a stallion," Barrett said. "I knew that was the horse I wanted."

Barrett met Vento when the owner wanted to stay on board as his partners opted to sell. Barrett obtained 75 percent while Vento kept his shares. "Since we started breeding him, they've all been runners," Barrett said. "They all have speed, most hit the board, and they do well from stakes and allowances to claiming, long and short—they're just runners."

If that wasn't enough, Well Spelled has a top class personality. "He's absolutely super," Barrett said. "You can put him next to a mare in the barn or paddock and he just talks to them over the fence. He's easy to breed and stamps his babies; he's built like a little ball and they have his muscular, strong build. Most have his super temperament, too."

Well Spelled has had 20 winners from limited opportunities, including stakes winners Hockey Puck and Well Graced. Hockey Puck took the 2019 Pennsylvania Nursery en route to $208,488 in earnings, and Well Graced won the 2018 Strike Your Colors Stakes.

"I've been collecting mares for him," Barrett said. "He's never going to make it with just a handful, he needs a big, solid book. My real goal is to get him some really good ones."

"He's just now starting to attract outside attention," Vento said. "There were only 36 foals in his first four crops, but this year he bred 30."

A graded winner who defeated some of racing's best with a superb personality to match? Vento summed it up best: "He's a really special horse."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

The Pennsylvania Derby was back again with a bang this year! Total handle for the day broke a PARX record at almost $13.8 million. Our first two of four scheduled $200,000 PA-Bred Stakes contributed to that record. The Plum Pretty was won by the Joe-Dan Farm and George Chestnut bred Chub Wagon with an amazing 10th career win in 11 starts. What a filly! The Alphabet Soup, won by the Mark Grier bred You Must Chill, closed out the card with $2,500,000 in wagering.

Don't forget our 2-year-old races are coming up soon, the Shamrock Rose Stakes at PENN on Nov. 26 and the PA Nursery at PARX on Dec. 7. Both will carry purses of $200,000.

The 2022 Broodmare Domicile form is now online at pabred.com. Please remember that the breeder award for a PA-Sired runner is 50% for all maiden races and 40% for all other races run in Pennsylvania! So, pick that PA-Sire from our new Stallion & Domicile Directory coming out in November. Mares not being bred back to a Registered PA-Sire must be in the state by Dec. 1 and stay through foaling. Mares in foal purchased at a public sale must be in PA within 14 days of purchase (60 days if purchased outside the U.S.).

We're coming up on year-end, so for our breeders who must register before the end of December, please take advantage of our new online registration system, available on pabred.com, located on the right of the top toolbar. It's fast, it's easy and you can pay online.

Have a great year end and Go PA!!

2021 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 **PARX RACING**	**$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP** 3 & up, 7 furlongs 1st - Wait for It, 2nd - Chilly in Charge, 3rd - Breezy Gust	**$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES** 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 furlongs 1st - Chub Wagon, 2nd - Promised Storm, 3rd - Ujjayi
FRIDAY, MAY 28 **PENN NATIONAL**	**$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES** 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles, off turf 1st - Trolley Ride, 2nd - Midnight Obsession, 3rd - Discreetly Tough	**$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES** 3 & up, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles, off turf 1st - Ravens Delight, 2nd - Chilly in Charge, 3rd - Saratoga Jack
TUESDAY, JUNE 22 **PARX RACING**	**$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES** 3YO, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles, off turf 1st - Beren, 2nd - Like a Saltshaker, 3rd - Fire's Finale	**$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES** 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 furlongs, off turf 1st - Hey Mamaluke, 2nd - Precious, 3rd - Tara's Talent
MONDAY, JULY 19 **PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS**	**$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES** 3YO fillies, 6½ furlongs 1st - Just One Time, 2nd - Maldives Model, 3rd - Tactical Pajamas	
MONDAY, JULY 26 **PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS**	**$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES** 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mile 70 yards 1st - Darcy Mae, 2nd - Redeem My Heart, 3rd - Wildcat Cartridge	
TUESDAY, JULY 27 **PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS**	**$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES** 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards 1st - Wait For It, 2nd - Viski Jones, 3rd - Ravens Delight	
PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES **MONDAY, AUGUST 23** **PARX RACING**	**$100,000 BANJO PICKER SPRINT STAKES** 3 & up, 6 furlongs 1st - Fortheluvofbourbon, 2nd - Golden Candy, 3rd - Prince of Rain	**$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP** 3 & up, 5 furlongs, off turf 1st - Admiral Abe, 2nd - Smooth B, 3rd - Screen Saver
	$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles, off turf 1st - Precious, 2nd - Vault, 3rd - Trolley Ride	**$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES** 3 & up, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles 1st - I Am Redeemed, 2nd - Lord Winsalot, 3rd - Irish Cork
	$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL STAKES 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 furlongs 1st - Don't Call Me Mary, 2nd - Chub Wagon, 3rd - Cinnabunny	
MONDAY, SEPT. 13 **PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS**	**$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES** 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs 1st - You Look Cold, 2nd - Morning Matcha, 3rd - Advocate Harbor	**$100,000 MARK MCDERMOTT STAKES** 2YO, 6 furlongs 1st - Champion by Design, 2nd - Dr. Steve, 3rd - Center Mid Maddie
SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 **PARX RACING**	**$200,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP** 3 & up, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles, turf 1st - You Must Chill, 2nd - Wait for It, 3rd - Someday Jones	**$200,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES** 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1¹⁄₁₆ miles 1st - Chub Wagon, 2nd - Vault, 3rd - Marion Francis
FRIDAY, OCT. 22 **PENN NATIONAL**	**$100,000 DANZIG STAKES** 3YO, 6 furlongs	**$100,000 NEW START STAKES** 3YO fillies, 6 furlongs
FRIDAY, NOV. 26 **PENN NATIONAL**	**$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES** 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs	
TUESDAY, DEC. 7 **PARX RACING**	**$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES** 2YO, 7 furlongs	

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TUESDAY, DEC. 7
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2YO FILLIES, 6F

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Pennsylvania Derby & Cotillion Day Recap

Hot Rod Charlie(left) in the PA Derby

Clairiere(right) in the Cotillion

Stonestreet Stables' homebred *Clairiere* wins our $1 million Grade 1 Cotillion with jockey **Ricardo Santana Jr**. The bay filly is trained by **Steve Asmussen**, and has improved her record to 3 wins, 3 seconds, and 3 thirds from just nine starts and pushed her earnings to $1,190,992. The well-bred *Clairiere* is out of the Grade 1 winning *Cavorting*, who is by *A.P. Indy's* champion son *Bernardini*. The cross is an undeniable recipe for success, and there was no arguing that she was the best bred horse on the card.

Hot Rod Charlie simply would not be denied the opportunity to notch his first Grade 1 victory in our $1 million Pennsylvania Derby. The resounding win propelled his career earnings past the $2.17 million-dollar mark. *Hot Rod Charlie* was ridden by **Flavien Prat** for trainer **Doug O'Neill** and owners **Boat Racing, LLC.**, **Gainesway Stable**, **Roadrunner Racing**, and **William Strauss**. The son of *Oxbow* was purchased for $110,000 as a yearling in the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale.

She's not only beautiful, but she's also once again an impressive winner! **Chub Wagon**, **Joe-Dan Farm**'s homebred daughter of *Hey Chub* out of *Takin The Plunge*, returned to the winner's circle at Parx in the $200,000 Plum Pretty Stakes. Ridden by **Jomar Torres** and trained by **Guadalupe Preciado**, *Chub Wagon* has embellished her already impressive resume to 10 wins and 1 second in 11 starts.

Mind Control captured the $200,000 Parx Dirt Mile for Hall of Fame trainer **Todd Pletcher** to prevail over six other rivals with **John Velazquez** up. The five-year-old son of *Stay Thirsty*, owned by **Red Oak Stable** and **Madaket Stables, LLC**, was passed by *Silver State* in the stretch but fought back to win by a head. *Mind Control*s records now stand at 9 wins and earnings of $1,413,229.

Hometown connections with *Magic Michael* win the $200,000 G3. Greenwood Cup Stakes with owners **Morris Kernan Jr.**, **Yo Berbs Racing** & **Jagger Inc**. The son of *Dramedy* was far behind from the start and surged with jockey **Frankie Pennington** for an exciting win for trainer **Jamie Nes**s.

What a thrill of victory for *Hollywood Talent* after defeating more highly regarded opponents in the G3. $300,000 Turf Monster Stakes going five furlongs on the turf with **Ricardo Santana Jr.** up. The ten-year-old by *Talent Search* was bred in Pennsylvania by **Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey**. This gelding had an impressive payout of $219.20 to give trainer **Juan C. Vazquez** his first graded stakes win off a gelding he claimed for $8,000 a year ago!

Top 3-year-old sprinter in the country, *Jackie's Warrior*, had a dominating victory in the G3. $300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes for three-year olds going six furlongs. Owned by **Kirk and Judy Robinson**, the son of Hill 'N' Dale's Farm *Maclean's Music* had the most impressive performance of the day. A $95,000 Keeneland September sale yearling, he was purchased by **Kirk Robinson**. Not only talented, but consistent, *Jackie's Warrior* has a career record of eight firsts, one second, and one third from just 11 starts. The Gallant Bob win boosted his earnings to $1,513,964.

The winner of the $200,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap was stylishly flashy Pennsylvania-bred *You Must Chill*, a beautiful dappled-grey son of *Winchill*, out of *Runaway Groom* mare, *Only Me*. The five-year-old was under a great ride from **Frankie Pennington** to get a strong first stakes win, making him the leading earner for his sire, after pursuing the leader inside for trainer **Jamie Ness** and owners **Morris Kernan**, **Yo Berbs and Jagger Inc**.

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Date	Horse	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
07/07/2021	American Talent	Stony Brook Stables LLC	Edward Coletti Jr.	Anthony Nunuz
7/14/2021	Sweet Willemina	Home Team Stables	Scott Lake	Silvestre Gonzalez
7/21/2021	Sparty	Miguel Penaloza	Miguel Penaloza	Luis Hernandez
7/28/2021	Ouch Ouch Ouch	Kazdan Racing Stables	Ronald Dandy	Silvestre Gonzalez
8/4/2021	Leftatthealtar	Harry A. Simon	Steven Krebs	Courtney Gilardo
8/25/2021	Speightster's Gold	Lawson Racing Stables	Robert Mosco	Roberto Rosado
9/1/2021	Street Tail	J. Guadalupe Guerrero	J. Guadalupe Guerrero	Luis Rivera
9/8/2021	Tilsa	Ronald B. Abrams & Jack Abrams	Ronald B. Abrams	Kendrick Carmouche
9/15/2021	Hara	Charles Orfe	Alfredo Velazquez	Anthony Salgado
9/22/2021	Boca Royalty	Hardesty Stables	Michael Moore	Paco Lopez
9/29/2021	Seat of Honor	Mario Villanueva	Mary Pattershall	Silvestre Gonzalez

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Parx Horses Around the Nation

September 26th - Monmouth Park
Trainer **Robert Reid, Jr.** sent out a colt in the $100,000 Smoke Glacken Stakes for two-year-olds going 6 furlongs on the dirt. *Practical Coach* (*Practical Joke - Abundanceofcaution* by *Kitten's Joy*) was 3rd after chasing three wide around the final turn with jockey **Frankie Pennington** for owners **LC Racing** & **Cash Is King LLC**.

September 26th - Belmont Park
Juan Vazquez sent a colt in the $150,000 Bertram F. Bongard Stakes for two-year-olds foaled in New York State and approved by the New York State-bred registry going 7 furlongs on the dirt. *Surprise Boss* (*War Dancer - Chimichurri* by *Elusive Quality*) was 3rd after chasing two to three wide from the tail of the field, cutting in and tiring in upper stretch of the final turn with jockey **Jose Lezcano** for owner **Richie's World Stables LLC**.

South Carolina

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Racing Across the Nation

Between Aug. 22 and Aug. 29, seven horses that went through the breaking process at South Carolina training centers entered the winner's circle after crossing the finish line first in Stakes races.

On Aug. 22, Safe Conduct, who learned his early lessons from Donna Freyer at her Custom Care Equine program in Camden, proved best in the prestigious Queen's Plate Stakes at Woodbine. This is Canada's version of the Kentucky Derby for Canadian-bred 3-year-olds. Safe Conduct stalked the pace while four wide. He led the field into the stretch and in a hard, determined drive, reached the wire first winning by a head.

On the same day south of the border in Puerto Rico, Luna Fortis captured the Clasico Roberto Clemente Stakes-G3 at Camarero Race Track. Luna Fortis raced mid-pack for the first half of the 1 1/16 miles race. She took control at the quarter pole and drove to a 1¾ length victory. This 5-year-old mare is a product of Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens' Legacy Stable in Aiken.

Precious broke on top at the start and never looked back in the Mrs. Penny Stakes at Parx Racing Aug. 23. Racing comfortably into the stretch, Precious fended off a serious challenge at the eighth pole and reached the finish line 1¼ lengths in front. Randy and Kala Rentz developed Precious for her racing career at their training center in Ehrhardt.

Another one of the Rentz's protégés, Beren, went wire-to-wire in the Parx Summer Sprint Stakes Aug. 24. Beren was challenged at the quarter pole, pushed this challenge back and drew off in the stretch winning by 6½ widening lengths. This 3-year-old colt has six lifetime wins including four in stakes.

Art Collector, a graduate of Travis Durr's Webb Carroll Training Center, notched his second stakes win in a row Aug. 27, proving best in the $800,000 Charles Town Classic-G2. In his previous start, Art Collector won the Alydar Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 6. Stalking the pace early on, this 4-year-old colt took the lead at the top of the stretch and began to draw away inside the eighth pole, reaching the finish line 1½ lengths clear of the field.

On the same day, another Durr protégé, November Rein, outshined her fellow New York-breds in the Seeking the Ante Stakes at Saratoga. November Rein had a rocky start stumbling out of the gate, but quickly recovered, taking the lead and staying in front throughout to cross the finish line 1¾ lengths in front. This 2-year-old filly has won two of her three lifetime starts.

The veteran Amatteroftime showed his superiority in the Charles Hesse III Handicap at Monmouth Park Aug. 29. Stalking the leader while second for the opening 6 furlongs, Amatteroftime took command in upper stretch and drew clear approaching the wire winning by 4¾ lengths. This 6-year-old gelding began his training at the Webb Carroll Training Center.

Franklin "Goree" Smith Honored

On Sept. 11 at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Kentucky, the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association honored Goree Smith as South Carolina's 2020 Breeder of the Year. This is the ninth time in the past 11 years Smith has received this award. Owner of the Elloree Training Center, Smith prepares both horses and jockeys (Chris Antley and Weston Hamilton) for future careers. The Smith family have been leaders on South Carolina's breeding and racing scene since the 1940s.

Activity at Keeneland Yearling Sale

South Carolinians were busy at the Keeneland Yearling Sale held in Lexington, Ky., Sept. 13 through Sept. 23.

Marcus and Crystal Ryan's Mason Springs stable signed the ticket for eight yearlings. The list includes colts by Jimmy Creed, Mucho Macho Man, Lookin At Lucky and Creative Cause. On the filly side, they bought offspring of Upstart, Street Boss, Protonico and Sharp Azteca to bring back to Aiken.

Wes Carter signed tickets for fillies by Always Dreaming and Collected and a colt by Cloud Computing. Jason McCutchen, the son of SCTOBA Board

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member Debby McCutchen, bought a filly by Speightstown.

A Malibu Moon colt purchased by Aiken native Mark Grier will undergo the breaking process under the care of Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens. Also joining the Legacy Stable team are fillies by Sky Mesa and Sharp Azteca. Cary Frommer signed the ticket for a colt by Tiznow.

From the desk of. . .

. . . Congratulations to Franklin "Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center. Graduate 2-year-old Ready to Purrform broke his maiden first time out at Ellis Park. Homebred Walk Away Joe, foaled in South Caarolina by Smith's own stallion Done Talking, recorded his seventh career win at Laurel Park.

. . . The 2-year-old filly My Girl Sky, who went through Travis Durr's breaking program, won her career debut at Woodbine.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
Lord Winsalot	Rentz Training Center	9/20/21	Parx Racing	Allowance
C V's Powerpack	Aiken - Rebekah Hammond	9/19/21	Charles Town	Allowance
Just Leg	Webb Carrolll Training Center	9/19/21	Monmouth Park	Starter Allowance
Bunting	Aiken - Cary Frommer	9/18/21	Laurel Park	Allowance
Forgotten Mission	Rentz Training Center	9/18/21	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
Runway Magic	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/18/21	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Walk Away Joe	Elloree Training Center	9/17/21	Laurel Park	Allowance
Strong Silent	Elloree Training Center	9/17/21	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Get Groovy	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/17/21	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
Louella Street	Aiken - Mason Springs	9/16/21	Laurel Park	Maiden Special Weight
Runaway Monet	Poplar Place/Cary Frommer	9/16/21	Laurel Park	Maiden Special Weight
Sleepy Joe	Rentz Training Center	9/15/21	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
Riverboat Gambler	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/15/21	Canterbury Park	Allowance
Amazing Gal	Elloree Training Center	9/14/21	Indiana Grand	Allowance
Classy American	Rentz Training Center	9/14/21	Parx Racing	Allowance
Jay Jaydee	Rentz Training Center	9/14/21	Penn National	Allowance
Throwing Stones	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/14/21	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Rupp N Ready	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/13/21	Indiana Grand	Allowance
Rough Passage	Kirkwood Stables	9/12/21	Sweetwater Downs	Allowance
Rustler	McCutchen Training Center	9/12/21	Kentucky Downs	Allowance
Waterworks	Wes Carter	9/12/21	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
Color Crush	Kirkwood Stables	9/11/21	Laurel Park	Allowance
Careless Heiress	Kirkwood Stables	9/11/21	Woodbine	Maiden Special Weight
Jolina	Aiken - Tony Mitchell	9/10/21	Arlington Park	Allowance
Life Don't Owe You	Custom Care - D. Freyer	9/9/21	Penn National	Allowance
Summerfest	Rentz Training Center	9/8/21	Presque Isle	Allowance
Tangerine Dream	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/8/21	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
Galactic	Kirkwood Stables	9/7/21	Thistledown	Allowance
Melissa's Smile	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/7/21	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
A Broken Breeze	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/7/21	Fort Erie	Allowance
Samira	Aiken - Cary Frommer	9/6/21	Prairie Meadows	Maiden Special Weight
Bold Confection	Aiken - Cary Frommer	9/6/21	Parx Racing	Maiden Special Weight
Dialing Dixie	Rentz Training Center	9/6/21	Timonium	Starter Allowance
My Girl Sky	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/5/21	Woodbine	Maiden Special Weight
Single Lady	Wes Carter	9/5/21	Presque Isle	Maiden Special Weight
Onerollofthedice	Custom Care - D. Freyer	9/4/21	Evangeline Downs	Allowance
Ready to Purrform	Elloree Training Center	9/3/21	Ellis Park	Maiden Special Weight
Ruse	Wes Carter	9/3/21	Saratoga	Allowance
Kauai	Aiken - Cary Frommer	9/1/21	Thistledown	Allowance
Midnight Warship	Aiken - Legacy Stable	9/1/21	Colonial Downs	Allowance
Ballagh Rocks	Legacy Stable/Elloree Training Center	9/1/21	Colonial Downs	Allowance
Beverly Park	McCutchen Training Center	8/31/21	Balterra Park	Allowance
Midtown	Rentz Training Center	8/31/21	Penn National	Maiden Special Weight
Izzybella	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/31/21	Parx Racing	Allowance
Vinyasa	Aiken - Cary Frommer	8/30/21	Prairie Meadows	Allowance
Boom Boom Girl	Mason Springs	8/30/21	Parx Racing	Allowance
Shanghai Kimmy	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/30/21	Fort Erie	Allowance
Magic Election	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/29/21	Monmouth Park	Allowance
AMATTEROFTIME	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/29/21	Monmouth Park	Charles Hesse III H
Touch of Truth	Custom Care - D. Freyer	8/27/21	Timonium	Allowance
Midnight Chrome	Rentz Training Center	8/27/21	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
NOVEMBER REIN	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/27/21	Saratoga	Seeking the Ante S
ART COLLECTOR	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/27/21	Charles Town	Charles Town Classic S-G2
Petition Prayer	Elloree Training Center	8/25/21	Colonial Downs	Allowance
Tappin Royalty	Elloree Training Center	8/25/21	Mountaineer	Maiden Special Weight
Luna Belle	Elloree Training Center	8/24/21	Colonial Downs	Maiden Special Weight
PRECIOUS	Rentz Training Center	8/23/21	Parx Racing	Mrs. Penny S.
BEREN	Rentz Training Center	8/23/21	Parx Racing	Summer Sprint S
Dr. Green	Aiken - Mike Keogh	8/22/21	Woodbine	Allowance
LUNA FORTIS	Aiken - Legacy Stable	8/22/21	Camarero	Clasico Roberto Clemente S-G3
Mr. Diffley	Aiken - Mike Keogh	8/22/21	Woodbine	Allowance
SAFE CONDUCT	Custom Care - D. Freyer	8/22/21	Woodbine	Queen's Plate
Tiergan	Elloree Training Center	8/21/21	Saratoga	Allowance
Red Knobs	Elloree Training Center	8/20/21	Ellis Park	Maiden Special Weight
She's Mo Better	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/20/21	Pimlico	Maiden Special Weight

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COLONIAL DOWNS

Colonial Downs Completes Record Setting Meet

Highlighted by more than $10 million in purse distribution, a new all-time daily average handle, and wide participation from some of America's leading racing stables, jockeys and trainers, Colonial Downs concluded its 2021 record-setting meeting in a spectacularly successful fashion.

Fans were welcomed back to the track for a 21-day Virginia-festive racing program. The track expanded its meet to seven weeks and, in a scheduling departure from earlier years, conducted racing Monday through Wednesday afternoons instead of evening programs later in the week.

Incentivized by a minimum daily purse structure of $521,676, powerhouse stables like Godolphin and Juddmonte, and renowned trainers like Shug McGaughey, Graham Motion, Brad Cox and Steve Asmussen, and jockeys Jose Ortiz and Manny Franco, competed for $10,441,300 in total purses.

As further proof of Colonial's progress in the Mid-Atlantic region, a total of 725 horses were stabled on the grounds. In addition to those based in Virginia, horsemen participating in the meeting came from Kentucky, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

In all, total handle for the 21-days was $46,867,078, good for a record average daily handle of $2,231,765. The 2019 meet --- which was 15 days over five weeks --- produced an average handle of $1,166,666, for a more that 91% increase.

"It is so gratifying to see the continued revival of Virginia racing as we mark new all-time handle heights," said John Marshall, Colonial Downs Group Executive Vice President, Operations. "We have held true to our promise of building Colonial Downs into one of the country's elite boutique meets. We thank our horsemen, fans and team for doing their part in making it so."

The Colonial racing program generated a total of 1,713 starters for the 205 races conducted this year, for an average of 8.36 runners per race. A total of 148 races were contested over Colonial's signature Secretariat Turf Course. A total of 1,325 horses competed over turf, an average of 8.85 starters per race; and 388 horses participated in 57 dirt races for an average of 6.81 per race.

The 2021 meeting was also conducted under the strictest safety and security protocols. These practices played a major role resulting in zero racing or equine fatalities and placed Colonial Downs among the country's best on The Jockey Club's Equine Industry Database (EID).

Scaling the Heights on Virginia Derby Day

Colonial's record setting season finished on a high note with ten stakes over the final two race days.

The $250,000 New Kent County Virginia Derby (G3) card on Tuesday (Aug. 31) established a new all-sources handle single-day record of $4,890,704 million. The tally was 10% higher than the previous best of $4.4 million which was set on Virginia Derby Day 2008 when star attraction Gio Ponti won the featured event.

Trainer Graham Motion, who won the 2019 Virginia Derby with English Bee, had a memorable day in the stake's 18th running. Motion saddled Madaket Stables' 3-year-old Wootton Asset to a three-quarters of a length victory over Slicked Back, giving him two straight Derby triumphs (the race was not held in 2020). Motion also won the $150,000 TAA Old Nelson Stakes that day with Tuned and finished second in the $150,000 Woodford Reserve Virginia Oaks with Invincible Gal.

Virginia-Bred/Sired Stakes Day Recap

The September 1 closing card --- highlighted by five $100,000 stakes for Virginia-bred/sired horses --- produced the largest non-Derby Day all sources handle ever: $3,421,338.

Ed & Susie Orr's Virginia-bred Boldor reached the winners in the Punch Line Stakes, his third stakes win of 2021. The 5-year-old Munnings gelding scored earlier this year in the Sams Town and King Cotton Stakes at Delta Downs and Oaklawn respectively. The Steve Asmussen trainee pushed his lifetime bankroll to $426,517 from 20 career starts. The winner was bred by Carlos Moore and Gillian Gordon-Moore.

Reiley McDonald's Passion Play earned a 1 1/2 length win over American Dubai --- who was making his first Virginia start in 36 outings --- in the one mile Edward P. Evans Stakes. It was the 5-year-old Hold Me Back gelding's second stakes win at the Colonial meet. The Mary Eppler trainee was ridden by Horacio Karamanos who also directed Passion Play's victory in the Bert Allen Stakes. The winner, with a bankroll of $257,947, was bred by Mr. & Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III.

Country Life Farm's Virginia Beach, another Iselin-bred, collected a 1 1/2 length triumph over Tea In China in the Camptown Stakes. A winner of the M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes last fall, the 4-year-old Twirling Candy filly earned her fourth career victory for trainer Michael Trombetta. Virginia Beach was ridden by Julian Pimentel.

Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC's Urban Fairytale broke through after a trio of consecutive third place finishes to win the Brookmeade Stakes as betting favorite. Chris Landeros rode the 4-year-old daughter of Distorted Humor for trainer Ian Wilkes. The winner was bred by Audley Farm Equine who also bred the winner of the Jamestown Stakes. That race, for 2-year-olds, was captured by D. Hatman Thoroughbreds and Kingdom Bloodstock Inc.'s Determined Kingdom who won by 2 3/4 lengths. The Animal Kingdom gelding is trained by Phil Schoenthal and was ridden by Victor Rosales.

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Return of the MATCH Series

Among other meet highlights was the return of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championship (MATCH) series to Colonial Downs for the first time since 2001. Four $100,000 stakes were contested Aug. 23 over Colonial's 1 1/4 miles dirt oval. By the end of the afternoon, three new track records were established. Just Might's 1:07.38 at 6 furlongs in the Chesapeake Stakes, Cheetara's 1:20.61 at 7 furlongs in the Seeking the Pearl Stakes, and Saracosa's 1:39.72 at 1 1/16th miles in the Love Sign Stakes all shattered previous dirt marks.

Colonial hosted two non-betting steeplechase races every Monday before the pari-mutuel races began --- for a total of 12 in all. Trainer Neil Morris, who is based at the Middleburg Training Center, won four of those with Choo Choo, Ritzy A.P., Vincent Van Gogo, and Junonia. The Jump signature race was the Aug. 9, $75,000 Randolph D. Rouse Stakes, won by Theodore Gregory's Screen Image.

Karamonos and Rocco Tie for Most Jockey Wins

Competition for leading jockey, trainer and owner titles was extremely keen. In the battle for leading jockey, Horacio Karamanos and Joe Rocco Jr. finished in a tie with 20 wins apiece. Mychel Sanchez was third with 12 wins. Karamanos was the leading money earning jockey --- horses he rode earned $687,700.

Hamilton Smith led all trainers with 10 wins. Heading into the September 1 finale, Smith was tied with Michelle Lovell --- a Kentucky based trainer competing at Colonial for the first time --- with 9 wins each. Smith scored in the first race with All Threes to gain the one-win advantage which he maintained. Michael Trombetta, who was third with 8 wins, was the leading money earning trainer with $491,650.

Larry Johnson, owner of Legacy Farm in Bluemont, Virginia, was the leading owner with 6 wins, beating PTK, LLC who had 5. Johnson scored with Mr. Jefferson, Spun Glass, Ziap Line To Heaven, Street Copper, Never Enough Time, and Street Silence. David Ross (Colonial's all-time leading owner) had 4 as did CM Thoroughbreds and GOP Racing Stable.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Caption 1 - Boldor and jockey Feargal Lynch were best in the $100,000 Punch Line Stakes on September 1. (Coady Photography)

Caption 2 - Just Might's tight win in the Chesapeake Stakes produced one of three new dirt track records in the MATCH Series event. (Coady Photography)

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Runco's Midsummer Night's Dream

When you've won close to 4,500 races and amassed career earnings approaching $60 million, its hard to imagine that you could get excited over another day at the office, but trainer Jeff Runco hit it out of the park on Friday, Aug. 27, winning five of the 13 races on the rich Charles Town Classic program.

Track announcer Paul Espinosa must have thought his race-calls redundant, as the name Runco repeatedly crossed his lips, informing the expansive crowd in attendance of this uncommon achievement.

The blockbuster evening, featuring purses in excess of $2 million, sported an array of entertainment options, the return of a former Classic winner (Duke of Mischief), leading the $800,000 post parade, an all-time record handle ($7.19 million) and an inside speed partiality that prompted celebrated racing analysts Caton Bredar and Larry Collmus to incorporate it into their handicapping segments.

With dusk rapidly approaching, the avalanche of success kicked off in Race 3, a first-level allowance contest, where O'Sullivan Farms **Heretodaygonmanana** imposed her presence, though coming off the shelf after last being seen Nov. 26, 2020. The hardy daughter of Creative Cause let others slug out the taxing early fractions before slipping through along the rail and widening over fatigued adversaries. A full-sister to multiple stakes-placed runner See Ya Manana, earner of $274,993, Heretodaygonmanna was handled by Arnaldo Bocachica.

The winner is owned by O'Sullivan Farms and Huntertown Farm LLC.

The fourth race was the Sadie Hawkins Stakes and featured the anticipated rematch between Charles Town Races 2020 Horse of the Year **Star of Night** and her nemesis, Bridging the Gap.

With the entire state focused on these two Thoroughbred's of above-average talent, the match-up didn't disappoint expectations. A slight shower preceded the $75,000-added restricted stakes for West Virginia bred fillies and mares and heavy favoritism (1-5) landed on the balanced frame of Star of Night.

It was a tall order for Bridging the Gap returning from a seven-month layoff, but the daughter of Fiber Sonde gave a penultimate effort and only yielded to the Jeff Runco trainee in the closing yards. Star of Night is by Creative Cause out of Slendiferious Moon, and was bred by her owner, Heinz Steinmann's Huntertown Farm.

It was hoped both horses come out of the race in good order and would point towards the flagship distaff event of the year (Cavada Stakes), on Breeders Classics night. Star of Night's willingness to partner with the only rider she has ever known (Arnaldo Bocachica) is a prime example of her trainers consummate goal of teamwork.

Aaron's Tap, a son of Northern Afleet (out of the Pleasant Tap mare Tapforaly) hadn't graced the winner's circle since January 2020, however it wasn't due to lack of effort. A winning machine earlier in his career (15 wins in 38 starts), the A & B Bloodstock-bred runner faced a topsy turvy spell where every imaginable traffic circumstance plagued his itinerary.

A stellar group of 4½-furlong specialists were led by pacesetter and lone 3-year-old in the field, Golden Key, until room on the propitious rail materialized for Aaron's Tap. In deep stretch, the seasoned veteran wrestled command and added the victor's share of the allowance purse ($20,886) to his already sizable bankroll.

Runco and Bocachica's campaign towards flawlessness and West Virginia circuit superiority was suddenly three-quarters of a way home.

The $75,000 Robert G. Leavitt was the sixth race on the record-setting night of action and favorably reacquainted **Social Chic** with his own age group. The Jeff Runco pupil followed the lead of his stable predecessors, by crafting a stellar trip and workmanlike response to the coaxing of rider Arnaldo Bocachica. Owned by Smart Angle LLP, the newly minted stakes performer was sharply roused in mid-stretch and held his key rival, No Change, safe. The gelded son of Upstart and Tres Chic, by Harlan's Holiday, was bred by extremely popular horseman, James F Miller.

Mr. Miller, an avid supporter of the Mountain State breeding program, is also president of the Charles Town Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association and dedicates much of his energies to see that both concerns flourish.

The final race of the evening, the Frank Gall Memorial Stakes, was considered by many, if taken in totality, to be one of the best collections of older West Virginia male runners ever assembled. From the rail out was North Atlantic ($674,444), Penguin Power ($312,804), V. I. P. Ticket ($300,665), Fancy Concho ($156,499), Hero's Man ($219,404), Final Say ($147,443), Bubba Grump ($105,809) and Chief Randel ($275,815). And the undefeated **Muad'dib** who, with laser-like precision, had dissected his opposition while assembling a perfect record of 6-for-6. But never had the John McKee-bred faced such depth.

This unique compilation of talent created a minor parcel of intrigue for the lanky gray/roan gelded son of Fiber Sonde (out of Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie). As the field was dispatched from the gate, Penguin Power accelerated to a sizable advantage, while the public's 2-1 selection (Muad'dib), following his herd instincts, was content to track in fifth place. Once straightened away in the run up the backside, Penguin Power, a chestnut son of Fiber Sonde who had regressed a step in 2021, maintained the point and appeared to be toying with his opposition.

After a grueling half mile in :46.01, Penguin Power rumbled throuh three-quarters in 1:11.20 as the cavalry charge commenced to close in. Hero's Man, North Atlantic and Muad'dib formed a potent trio that embarked on their upward trajectory towards the leader. Tipping two-wide in mid-stretch, Muad'dib was up in time to defeat North Atlantic, with Hero's Man third and Penguin Power fourth – the first, second and fourth-place finishers all trained by Jeff Runco.

Exhibiting the fight inherent in his sire line, David Raim's 4-year-old now has proven courageous at the highest level of local competition. From day one, great things have been expected of Muad'dib, a full brother to Late Night Pow Wow, a Grade 3 winner of $700,400.

Classics night was prime-time action complete with transparency of performance, enhancement of tradition and a significant pathway to riches.

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You don't expect a daily newspaper to be in charge of a jump meet, but that's the report from the Steeplechase of Charleston

By Betsy Burke Parker

When the first Charleston Cup steeplechase ran in 1986, it was heralded as a new day for the sport in South Carolina's coastal lowcountry.

As it turns out, it was actually the much- anticipated return of a centuries-old tradition.

Horse racing was first recorded in Charleston in 1734, and the Washington Race Course, near the Stono Ferry course, held race meets every February 1792-1882.

So when real estate developer Joseph Parks and horseman Karl McMillan created the Charleston Cup in 1986, it was exciting news.

When the meet abruptly halted in 2003, it was sad news.

When it spontaneously revived in 2011, it was welcome news.

And when the oldest daily newspaper in the South, the Post and Courier, purchased the Charleston Cup in 2019 on the recommendation of board chair and lifelong horseman Pierre Manigault, renaming it the Steeplechase of Charleston and pointing it down a path of expansion and growth, it was the best news of all.

"Our aim is to make this a must-do event every year, and one that becomes the signature way to experience Charleston in the fall," publisher P.J. Browning said at a news conference.

After all, horse racing and the coastal south are a natural pairing. Late 18th and 19th-century Charleston was one of the most significant horse racing venues in theworld, home to 10 racecourses and to the young nation's first jockey club.

KEEPING THE
TRADITION ALIVE

Photo courstesy of Steeplechase of Charleston

Fourth-generation owner of the Post and Courier, and chairman of the controlling Evening Post Industries, Pierre Manigault was the driving force behind the paper's 2019 purchase of the jump meet. Manigault felt like it was an easy sell – He'd grown up showing ponies and junior hunters around Charleston, hunting with the nearby Middleton Place Hounds established by his father, Peter. Manigault understood the easy link between sport and entertainment that racing provided.

He worked in Washington, D.C. 1989-1994, at National Geographic and the Washington Post. Manigault lived in The Plains, hunted with Piedmont and rode with trainer Bruce Rosenbaum out of historic Blue Ridge Farm and Hickory Tree Farm.

He got a taste of steeplechase, first-hand. "It was a blast, a lot of fun." He rode a handful of owner-rider timber races, and owned several winning hurdlers. One of his best, Little Hurt, was a multiple stakes winner his novice season.

Manigault left the active competition side of the sport when he moved home to Charleston, taking over as Evening Post Industries board chair upon the 2004 death of his father, Peter. But there was a lingering affinity to steeplechasing.

It teed up the next phase of his involvement.

"A few years ago, I was talking to (former champion jockey and now active trainer in Camden, South Carolina) Arch Kingsley," Manigault says. He'd known Kingsley in Virginia – Kingsley's wife Wendy galloped for Bruce Rosenbaum at Hickory Tree when Manigault was riding out for him. "We'd stayed friends – my daughter shows with Jack Towell in Camden, so we see each other all the time."

Kingsley encouraged Manigault to consider helping the flailing Charleston Cup meet, planting a seed that ended up with the Post and Courier purchasing the event.

Manigault has four horses in training with Kingsley; they run under the name Hurricana Farm, the original name of the Sanford Stud Farm in Amsterdam, New York from his mother's side of the family. Manigault even inherited the original Hurricana silks.

"I love staying involved in racing," he says. "But there's the additional aspect to continue this family legacy that's meant a lot to me.

"It's pretty hard to match what they did."

Since jumping in with the Steeplechase of Charleston, Manigault admits it's been "a steep learning curve. But I know we can only improve."

Chris Zoeller has worked for Evening Post Industries for 15 years. The EPI marketing officer calls the Steeplechase of Charleston and the media company a magical partnership.

"Steeplechase racing is the perfect outdoor, family and friend-centered event for this era," Zoeller says.

"There's nothing that's more natural than to partner horse racing and fashion and tailgating with friends and family, and – of course – food," Zoeller says. "Our goal is to turn this event into a crown jewel of the fall social calendar. I think we're well on our way."

Manigault says the course at Stono Ferry, while flat and pretty, has been a constant headache for spectators – and organizers, and horsemen – due to a single access point down miles of two-lane roads. "We're looking for property to build a new course," he says.

"With the Colonial Cup sadly gone, Charleston inherited the position as the final NSA event of the season," he stresses. "We've got to raise it to the championship level, become a place horsemen want to bring their good horses for a year-end meet.

"We'd definitely be looking at carding a grade 1 race. Now we need a grade 1 racecourse. That's our goal."

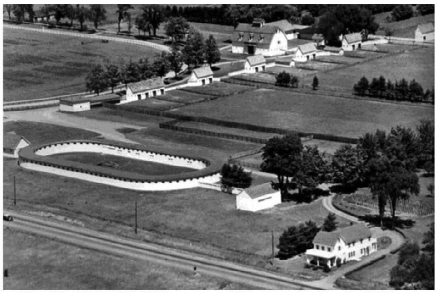
In the family way...

Trace Pierre Manigault's connection to Charleston and colonial horse racing through his father's side of the family, but his maternal bloodlines provide plenty of horse racing involvement in New York and beyond.

Stephen Sanford was born in 1826. He built Hurricana Farm west of Saratoga in 1880. Saratoga's Sanford Stakes – the only race Man O'War lost, in 1919 – is named for Sanford.

Stephen's son John Sanford II (1851-1939) inherited Hurricana, changing the name to Sanford Stud Farm.

John's daughter Gertrude Sanford Legendre (1902-2000) was a colorful figure. A socialite and big game hunter, she conducted exploratory missions for the American Museum of Natural History.



The Hurricana Stud Farm, c. 1940.
Photo courtesy of the National Park Service.

During World War II she worked for the Office of Strategic Services and became the first woman captured by the Germans. She was held POW for six months before escaping to Switzerland.

Gertrude was the inspiration for the play, "Holiday," later made into a movie starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

Gertrude Sanford and Sidney Legendre had two daughters, Bokara and Landine. Landine Legendre married Peter Manigault (1927-2004) of Charleston.

Landine and Peter Manigault had one son, Pierre, now Evening Post Industries chair, owner of Garden and Gun and chair of the Steeplechase of Charleston.

On the tail-male side of his pedigree, Peter Manigault was a son of French Huguenots that immigrated to the area in the late 1600s. He was a Charleston attorney and colonial legislator, the wealthiest man in the British North American colonies at the time of his death.

Manigault served in the South Carolina House of Commons in 1755, and

1766-1773, 1765-1772 serving as Speaker of the House. He actively opposed the British Stamp Act of 1765, and was identified with what became known as the Patriot cause that precipitated the Revolution.

Peter Manigault's great great grandson, also Peter, was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He attended the Naval Intelligence School at Anacostia Naval Station. He earned the Legion of Merit with a Combat V and the Order of Military Merit for Korea.

In 1959, he followed in his father's footsteps and became president and publisher of the Evening Post Publishing Co. his family had purchased in 1895. He became chairman of the board in 1984.

Son Pierre Manigault currently is EPI board chair, taking over upon his father's 2004 death.

SIgnature event – the Alson Cup

When Pierre Manigault took the reins from the former organizers, he knew he needed a signature event for his Steeplechase of Charleston.

He found a unique prize in his own trophy case.

His paternal great, great grandfather, William Alston was huge into horse racing in colonial era Charleston. Alston had helped establish the Washington Race Course, a one-mile loop around what today is Hampton Park near downtown Charleston. Races ran there 1792-1882.

Alston himself had won a big race at Washington in the 1920s, but there was no grand trophy given to the winner.

Alston bought his own, inscribing it with his name and the race name. Pierre Manigault donated the handsome, two- handled silver cup for their 3-year- old hurdle feature.

Pierre Manigault and Evening Post Industries Board member Rebecca Gilbreth Herres with the Alston Cup, preparing to make the presentation for the Alston Cup Three-Year-Old Hurdle at the 2019 Steeplechase of Charleston. The race was won by Irv Naylor's Must See the Doc. *Photo courtesy of The Steeplechase of Charleston*

Richard Golden

Northview Stallion Station was created to fill a void. Richard L. Golden shaped it over the next three decades by combining a business plan with a mastermind for selecting future stallions, while putting his love for animals first and foremost.

Golden, referred to by many who worked for him over the years as Mr. Golden—regardless of how long the association—died in West Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 18. He was 82.

A New York fashion mogul, Golden was CEO of Dorby Frocks Ltd.—a large clothing manufacturing firm from which he retired in 2002—and bred and owned a few racehorses starting in the mid-1970s. Out of the prolific broodmare La Tamborera he bred Spanish Drums, winner of the 1982 Ohio Derby-G2 and Pennsylvania Derby-G3. He purchased the 3-year-old filly It's Fine privately from her breeder, Allaire duPont, in 1983 and in short order watched her became a stakes winner. The next year It's Fine captured the Grade 2 Long Look Handicap. By 1984, Golden and his wife Ann (who passed away in 2015) owned an undeveloped property in Chesapeake City, Md., just down the road from duPont's Woodstock Farm, and created Sycamore Hall Farm. DuPont was thrilled. "What's so wonderful about Richard," she said, "is that he thinks the way we do. He's a marvelous businessman, but he also has a feeling for people and horses, the land, the trees, the animals. He and Ann are both that way. We all have one goal, which is to build up the area and make it nice."

Golden's entrance into Maryland couldn't have been timed any better, as just two years later, neighboring Windfields Farm, the anchor in Maryland's breeding industry, abruptly shut down following the retirement of Northern Dancer and the failing health of founder E.P. Taylor.

Along with duPont, and equine veterinarian Dr. Tom Bowman, Golden stepped in to keep a number of the Windfields stallions in the state. Without missing a breeding season, Northview opened its doors in 1989, on the site of Windfields Farm's former Northview annex, with ex-Windfields stallions Smarten, Caveat and Two Punch on the roster, as well as newcomer Waquoit. Within two years the ownership group purchased and moved into Windfields' stallion division.

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Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred editor Lucy Acton reported on Northview's progress in 1995, noting "Northview has long since fulfilled the mission of its founding owners, who sought to preserve the Chesapeake City area as a major horse breeding center." The impact on the local economy actually surpassed that of Windfields, Golden explained: "A lot of Windfields' horses were priced out of the reach of regional breeders. Whereas we make every effort to keep ours in line with what the local market can bear."

Golden was the man in charge of lining up stallion prospects. "To run this place by committee would simply be too time-consuming for all of us," he said. "I make all those decisions, although I touch base with the others, and I inform them when we're getting close to making a deal."

Determining what was right for the market wasn't much different than working in the garment industry. "I've been in the ladies' apparel business for over 35 years," he told Acton. "I've always had to guess what women will wear next year. The stallion business is similar, in a lot of ways. You're always thinking about what's coming next—what will be popular with breeders next year, and the year after that."

Connecting with the Phipps family, Golden secured Polish Numbers, and later Not For Love. David Wade, hired to manage Sycamore Hall, and now also general manager of Northview, credited continued breeder support of Northview stallions to Golden in a 2018 interview with Vinnie Perrone for Maryland Million: "[He's] always been willing to dip into his pocket to try to bring the right kind of horse to the state. I mean, Two Punch, Not For Love, Polish Numbers—you can go right down the list of horses that have been there, and they've always been horses that have been successful in the regional market, and then some of [them] extended outside of the regional market."

Golden was noted for being a perfectionist who strived for excellence. A year and a half after he purchased the property, Sycamore Hall was described as "easily one of the most glamorous and functional farms in Maryland." The farm has turned out dozens of stakes winners since. In 2016, Golden was the breeder of three Maryland-bred champions—Giant Run, Greatbullsoffire and Top Striker—and in 2018 he was named Maryland Breeder of the Year.

He was often asked to sit down for interviews about the state of the industry, including one with Tim Capps in early 1996 in which they talked about the commercial market in Maryland and the region, stud fees, Northview, and his views on the positioning of racing in the marketplace. In answering one question about treating racing as a business, he said: "I think a lot of people I've talked with say they want to treat it like a business and criticize others for not doing so, but from my point of view the Thoroughbred business is too emotional to be treated like another business. I'm in the apparel business. My product doesn't eat, sleep and breathe and it doesn't break down. I'm not in love with my product, I don't have an emotional attachment to my product like I do my horses. So, I can't react the same way, make the same business decisions when I'm emotionally attached as when I'm not."

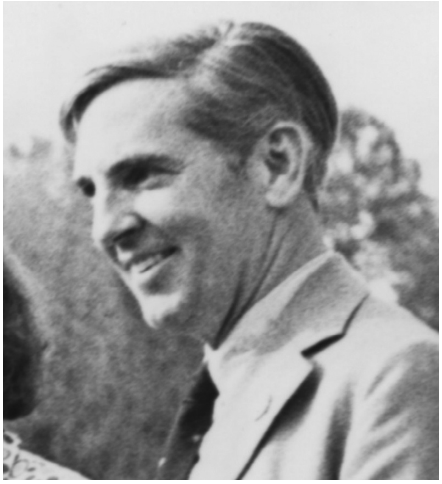
David Richardson, now executive director of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, worked with Golden since Northview's early days when with the David Hayden Advertising firm. Richardson posted a remembrance on Facebook: "Beginning with working on creative marketing campaigns for his stallions in the mid 1990s to recent efforts such as establishing programs like Beyond The Wire and the Horsemen's Health System for MTHA, Richard was a trusted partner and advocate every step of the way. He always quietly supported every effort or crazy idea that was important to me behind the scenes without any fanfare. . .

"Mr. Golden taught me to push for excellence and uniqueness in even the smallest details and to never accept mediocrity or ordinary in my efforts."

Richard and Ann Golden passed their love for animals to their children, Lisa and Michael, who made sure to include in his brief obituary that, "He was fortunate to have had his loyal and loving companion Victor, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, by his side for the last 14 years." Dr. Michael Golden is a small animal veterinarian in Crofton, Md., and current vice president of Northview Stallion Station.

Contributions in Golden's memory may be made to the Beyond The Wire Thoroughbred aftercare organization at beyondthewire.org/donate. ✹

In Memoriam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WALTER W. BREWSTER

Fox hunting and timber racing enthusiast Walter W. Brewster, a retired Alex. Brown & Sons stockbroker, conservationist and sportsman, died Sept. 8. The Lutherville, Md., resident was 90.

Born in Baltimore, Md., Brewster was a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Harris Brewster, his great-grandfather, who was U.S. attorney general from 1881-85, during the administration of President Chester A. Arthur. Walter Brewster graduated in 1950 from Gilman School where he was captain of the wrestling team, earned a bachelor's degree in 1954 from the University of Virginia, and was stationed in Germany while serving in the Army. Upon his discharge, he and his wife Margaret purchased a 130-acre farm in Glyndon, which they named Milestone Farm.

Brewster was master of the Green Spring Valley Hounds in Baltimore County, and also served as hunt secretary, treasurer and president.

In 1948, he competed in the Triple Crown of Maryland's steeplechase races aboard his horse Clifton Dan. He finished second in the My Lady's Manor, fourth in the Grand National, and third in the Maryland Hunt Cup.

For 30 years he served on the Grand National race committee, which he led for many years. Additionally, he served for 25 years as a member of the Maryland Hunt Cup committee and was a founding member in 1997 of Shawan Downs in Hunt Valley, which is home to an equestrian center and a steeplechase course. He continued to mow Shawan Downs with his tractor well into his 80s, family members said.

For his lifetime of service to Maryland's steeplechase racing, he was recognized with the S. Bryce Wing Award in 2013, the state's highest steeplechase racing honor.

PAUL CONAWAY

Pennsylvania breeder and owner Paul Conaway Jr., died Sept. 19 from injuries suffered in a car accident. He was 63.

One of the first horses Conaway bred was millionaire Favorite Tale, who ranked among the best sprinters in the country in the mid-2010s. Conaway purchased Favorite Tale's dam privately in 2009–the first foal he bred out of the mare died as a yearling; the second was Favorite Tale.

In 24 starts, Favorite Tale won or placed in 18–13 of them stakes–and earned $1,026,300. The son of Tale of the Cat won his first three starts, including a 6-furlong maiden special weight in 1:07.66, and proved gallant later in his career, coming back after injury to win in stakes company. His nine wins included the Smile Sprint Stakes-G2 and Gallant Bob Stakes-G3. He finished third in the 2015 Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1. Favorite Tale was a Pennsylvania-bred champion at 3 and champion state-bred older male and male sprinter the next year as well as the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's 2014 Horse of the Year.

Born in Wilmington, Del., Conaway grew up a horse lover around Morgan horses bred and raised by his father. A star soccer player in high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. His professional resume included becoming a top automobile salesman before he acquired Wanamaker Ticket Agency in Philadelphia in 1997. His family noted: "He combined his love of sports, music, and theater with his natural ability to make connections and sell tickets to your favorite events. When you needed tickets, you called Paul."

DANNY FITCHETT

Former Maryland starter Daniel B. Fitchett, 81, died Sept. 28 at his home in Spring Grove, Pa.

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Fitchett was born in Baltimore, Md., and followed the footsteps of his father Andrew Fitchett, a longtime member of the Maryland gate crew, when he turned 18. He was named chief assistant starter at Pimlico and Laurel Park in 1980, and was promoted to the starter's job in 1995, retiring from the position in 2002.

In 1989, Fitchett received the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's "unsung hero" award, and four years later was widely recognized as a hero after saving the life of exercise rider Clayton Beck in a starting-gate accident where a horse was killed at Pimlico.

In an article that appeared in the May/June 1993 issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, Fitchett stated matter of factly, "I knocked him off." The accident occurred when an electrical cord was draped over the gate in heavy rain. "A guy needed help, and I tried to help him," he related. "Luckily for both of us, it worked out fine. That's what we're there for."

"He was a silver lining in a very dark cloud," said Dickie Small, who trained Beck's ill-fated mount, Fox Brush.

Fitchett is survived his wife of 47 years, Linda Christine (Gebhardt) Fitchett, sons Daniel Fitchett Jr., Craig Fitchett and Scott Fitchett; daughter, Miriam Fitchett; sister, Nancy Gailey; and several grandchildren.

SANTOS CHAVEZ

Retired jockey Santos Chavez, a longtime fixture on the Mid-Atlantic circuit and the regular rider of 1991 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Wide Country, died Aug. 12 at his home in Boynton Beach, Fla., after a nearly three-year battle with cancer. He was 59.

The leading apprentice rider in Peru when he came to the United States in 1986, Chavez launched his career in Florida before moving to Maryland. He often rode for Bob Camac, trainer of Wide Country as well as another local star Fire Plug. Chavez guided Wide Country to victory in the 1991 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2 and Pimlico Oaks-G3, part of an eight stakes win streak they teamed up for from November 1990 through May 1991. A highly respected rider of Arabians at Delaware Park, he traveled the world for stakes assignments.

Santos won 905 races from 8,077 starts (not including Arabian races) and $11,760,506 in purse earnings. His last win was aboard Bahala at Charles Town in December 2015, trained by Terri Thompson, his companion for the last 10 years.

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Looking Back

50 years ago

■ Everything from mosquitoes in Texas (a fear of Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis which kept away many of the European horses), to prolonged rain, fog and a lackluster field of nine horses, combined to make the 20th running of the $150,000 Washington, D.C., International a study in adversity.

Paul Mellon's 3-year-old homebred Run the Gantlet won by 6 lengths over the soft turf in the slowest time ever recorded for the race–running 1½ miles in 2:50⅗, 26⅘ seconds slower than Kelso's 1964 course record. But it was noted that Rokeby Stable's son of Tom Rolfe "evidenced genuine class. He did exactly what a good horse should do: perform well on any kind of surface."

Said Mellon before the race, with water dripping from his nose as he spoke: "I prefer it this way to having a fast track for every race. If all the tracks were the same, there'd be no fun. It would make everything in racing seem artificial." It was the Rokeby team's third International win.

Rain didn't stop the celebrations for the Rokeby connections of Washington, D.C., International winner Run the Gantlet–(from right) owners Paul and Rachel Mellon, Bobby Woodhouse and trainer Elliott Burch.

■ A feature on Kelso's private groom, Martha Rosmeisl–hired to care for the world's richest money winner after his longtime groom Lawrence "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick died in August 1968–provided a close look at the great gelding's day-to-day care.

A German-born and raised horsewoman who got to know Kelso through her connections with Olympic riders Donnan Sharp Plumb and Michael Plumb (the latter rode Kelso in his five-day appearance at Madison Square Garden in 1968), Rosmeisl would ride Kelso near the end of the summer to get him fit for Allaire duPont, who hunted him with the Vicmead Hounds.

"Kelso is like any great personality. Like Beethoven or Van Gogh. Although he is great, that doesn't make him easy to get along with. He is a complicated horse, and very intelligent," she said.

Kelso's routine was many ways like that of any hunter, except that he'd get a few hundred visitors every week and still had a loyal fan club. Rosmeisl would give each visitor a short lecture on Kelso's achievements and a look at the great Thoroughbred. Visitors who didn't take Kelso seriously would irritate his caretaker. "He was the greatest, and some people tell you this or that horse beat him. Some people don't come to see Kelso, they just come to look around because they've never been to a horse farm."

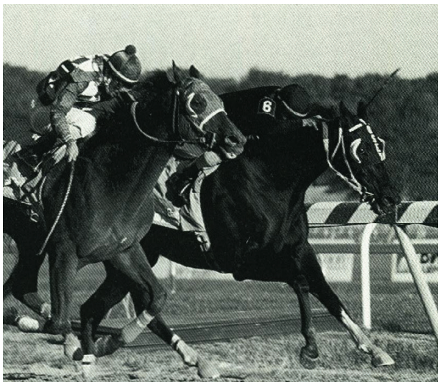
■ Cohoes, the sire of classic winner Quadrangle and champion steeplechaser Shadow Brook, made the move from Kentucky to Shannondale Farm in Maryland. The 17-year-old stallion would stand in 1972 for a $2,000 live foal fee. With his offspring having earned approximately $3 million, only one other stallion doing active stud duty in Maryland (Nearctic) sired the earners of more money.

The farm near Glenwood was owned by veterinarian George Murnan, whose practice included Laurel Race Track.

25 years ago

■ "Charles Town Saved" was the headline after residents of Jefferson County, W.Va., voted 7,880 to 4,463 to allow slot machines at Charles Town racetrack. Had the referendum failed, the 63-year-old facility almost certainly would have vanished from the landscape.

Through its joint venture with Bryant Development Company, Penn National was set to exercise its option to buy Charles Town for approximately $16.5 million, according to a press release issued by the Wyomissing, Pa., firm. After the transaction, to take place in early December, "Penn National will own 80 percent of the facility and will manage its operations and a $16 million refurbishment."



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Frugal Doc (inside) holds off Oliver's Twist in the Maryland Million Classic. At age 9 he remains the oldest horse in 35 years to win the featured event.

■ Front-running 9-year-old Frugal Doc recorded his first Maryland Million victory in his sixth try, taking the Classic in near track record time. The New Jersey-bred son of Baederwood upset favored Oliver's Twist (by Horatius) by a head to reward his backers $72.20 for the win.

■ By most measures the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's Eastern fall sale was the most successful yearling auction ever held in the region. A total of 369 yearlings sold for a gross of $5,151,700, the overall average was $13,961, and median was $7,500. In the select portion of the sale, 142 head sold for $3,598,600, an average of $25,342 and median of $18,000. For the first time in Timonium auction history, 17 horses–all in the select section–sold for $50,000 or more.

■ Key to the Mint, one of the all-time great Virginia-breds, was euthanized due to infirmities of old age at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky. He was 27.

Bred and raced by Paul Mellon's famed Rokeby Stable, Key to the Mint (Graustark—Key Bridge by *Princequillo) was the nation's champion 3-year-old in 1972, following a sweep of the Brooklyn Handicap, Whitney, Travers, Woodward, Withers and Derby Trial Stakes. His wins at 4 included the Suburban Handicap-G1 and he retired with a record of 14 wins from 29 starts while earning $576,015. At stud he sired 44 stakes winners and ranked among the leading broodmare sires in the country.

10 years ago

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

November 2011 • $5

RAPID REDUX: BIG WHEEL KEEPS ON TURNING OUT WINS

FOR TRAINER POMPAY, REWARDS COME WITH CURRENCY SWAP

WORLD-CLASS MILER SAHPRESA IS PA-BRED AND HEAVEN-SENT

A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TO GROW INTEREST IN RACING

■ For the second straight year, the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association named Edward P. (Ned) Evans its National Breeder of the Year. Evans, who owned and operated Spring Hill Farm in Casanova, Va., died Dec. 31, 2010, at age 68. Also voted 2010 Virginia Breeder of the Year, Evans bred nine stakes winners in 2010. Eight carried his yellow and black silks, including four to graded success: Quality Road, winner of the Donn Handicap, Metropolitan Handicap and Woodward Stakes, all Grade 1s; Grade 1 winner Malibu Prayer; and A Little Warm and Dixie City, each a Grade 2 winner.

The first phase of his dispersal was conducted at the Keeneland September yearling sale in Lexington, Ky., grossing $6,527,000 for 50 yearlings sold. The Spring Hill Farm Virginia-breds averaged $130,540, nearly double the average of the overall sale, with the top price a $650,000 full brother (Elusive Quality—Kobla, by Strawberry Road-Aus) to multimillionaire Quality Road.

■ Rapid Redux recorded his 17th straight victory in a starter allowance at Charles Town Sept. 16, needing two more to tie the sport's longest modern winning streak of 19 held by Zenyatta and Peppers Pride. The magazine profiled racing's newest sensation and his connections–trainer David Wells and owner Robert Cole Jr. "I thought around eight or nine wins, we have something really special here," Wells said. "At 12, it really started to hit us. The phone has really started ringing–HRTV, TVG, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*. I've never really been in this position before."

An editor's note was added to the story, explaining that the article presented a milepost in an extraordinary journey and, by the time the magazine came out, the streak likely will have changed as Rapid Redux ran every two weeks or so.

Rapid Redux equaled the record at Laurel Oct. 27, and broke it at Mountaineer Nov. 21. He added two more wins at Laurel Park, the last Jan. 4, 2012, and was retired to Old Friends. All but two of his 19 wins in 2011 were starter allowances.

■ Sahpresa achieved an unprecedented third straight victory in the Group 1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket in England. Born at Pennsylvania's Derry Meeting Farm, bred by international "gentleman" Douglas McIntyre, trained in France by Rod Collet and owned by mighty Japanese breeder Teruya Yoshida, Sahpresa won for the eighth time in her career. McIntyre campaigned Sahpresa through her first two wins in the 1-mile Sun Chariot before selling her to Yoshida. The breeder died at age 92 just days before her third win.

The earner of over $2 million while racing in England, France, Hong Kong and Japan, Sahpresa was retired at the end of the year and delivered five foals through 2019. Her son Satono Impresa (by Deep Impact) was a Group 3 winner in Japan last year at age 3.

■ Ben's Cat notched his first graded win in dramatic fashion, launching a last-to-first move with jockey Jeremy Rose in Parx Racing's Turf Monster Handicap-G3, a Win and You're In Breeders' Cup Challenge race. Chamberlain Bridge, winner of the 2010 Turf Monster and Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G2, finished third. Owner/trainer/breeder King Leatherbury stated afterwards that he did not have the money to supplement Ben's Cat to the $1 million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and would work a deal with anyone willing to pay the fee.

■ Ask the Moon won her second Grade 1 of the Saratoga meet by taking the Personal Ensign Invitational Stakes a little over a month after running away in the Ruffian Invitational Handicap-G1. The latter was a Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic-G1 a Win and You're In race. Owner Farnsworth Stables and trainer Marty Wolfson claimed the 6-year-old Maryland-bred daughter of Malibu Moon for $75,000 at Belmont Park that June. She became the first Grade 1 winner for Charles and Cynthia McGinnes, who co-bred her with Country Life Farm.

Ask the Moon started in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic-G1 and finished sixth, 6½ lengths behind winner Royal Delta. Shortly after she was sold at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale as a broodmare prospect for $800,000. She sold a second time, in foal to War Front, at the 2013 Keeneland November sale for $1.8 million. The foal she was carrying was stakes winner Belgrano.

■ Racing for the first time outside Florida in her 31st start, Musical Romance held on to win the Grade 2 Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes for trainer Bill Kaplan, who co-owned the 4-year-old filly with Pinnacle Racing Stable. The night before, Morton Fink's homebred Wise Dan, making his 11th start and first outside of Kentucky, rallied to take the Presque Isle Mile.

The only Presque Isle starts for either in their careers, the two went on to become Breeders' Cup stars. Two starts after winning the Masters, Musical Romance paid $42.40 for the win in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1 at Churchill Downs. Wise Dan became a legend–he earned back-to-back Eclipse Awards as Horse of the Year, champion grass horse and champion older horse in 2012 and 2013, the years he won the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1, and was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 2020.

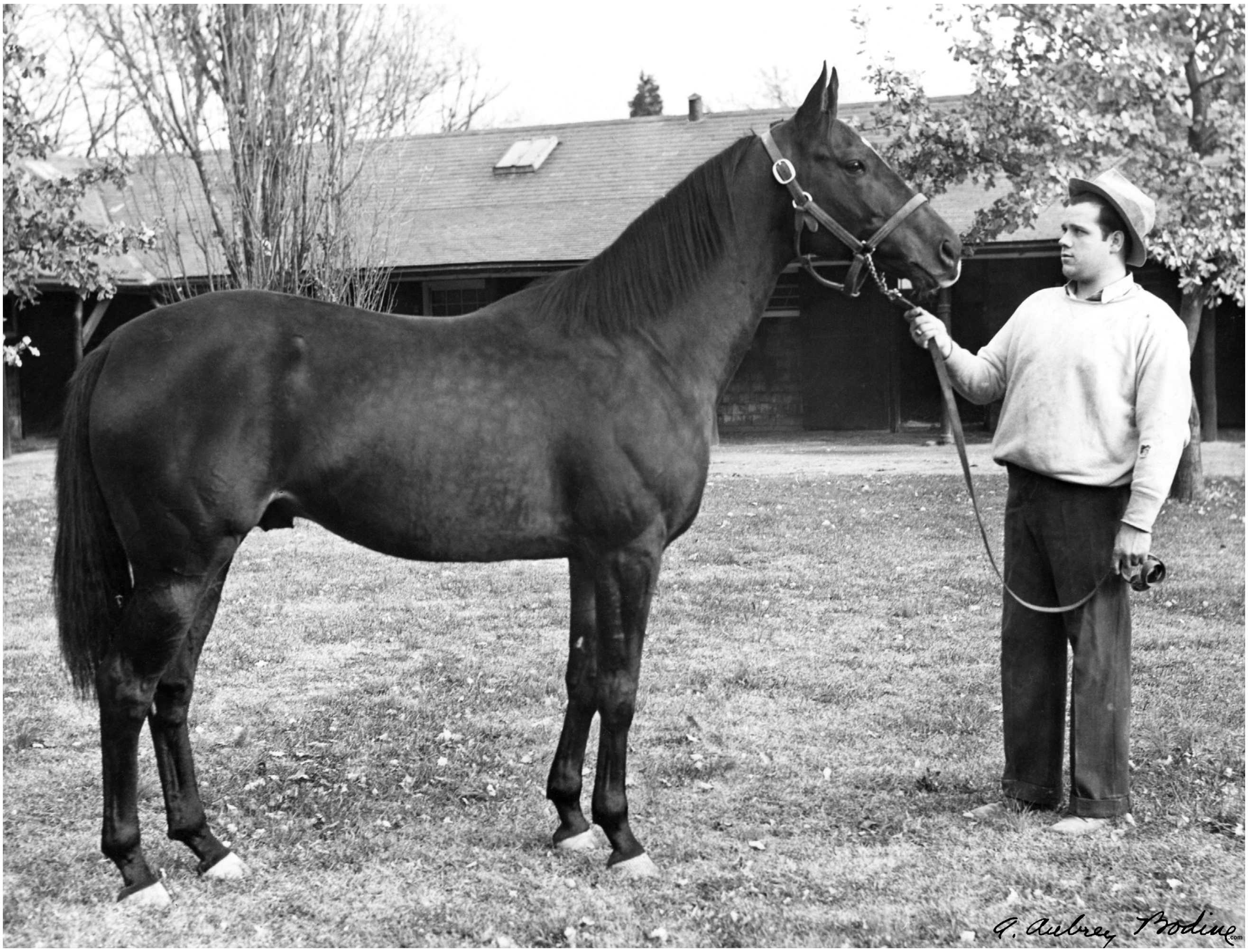
75 years ago

■ For the fifth time the great Glade Valley Farm stallion *Challenger II sired the winner of the Maryland Futurity. Nathaniel, owned by Mrs. W.S. Farish's Lazy F Ranch, was bred and raised by Maryland Horse Breeders Association president Joseph F. Flanagan, who presented the trophy to the winning connections at Laurel.

FLEISCHER

Conn McCreary (who was 4'8") is nearly hidden by the Maryland Futurity challenge trophy, presented by MHBA president Joseph F. Flanagan to owner Mrs. W.S. Farish and trainer O.T. Dubassof.

■ W.W. Vaughan, 74, died at his home in Red Bank, N.J. The senior member of the New York stock brokerage firm of Vaughan & Co., and owner of Oak Glen Farm in Monmouth County, he had been elected the year before at a meeting at Garden State Park as head of a newly formed association of New Jersey breeders representing about 25 farms.



Dapples for Days: A promising young sire at Maryland's Holly Beach Farm in 1940, *Quatre Bras II was a brother to leading sires *Sir Gallahad II and *Bull Dog. A son of *Teddy, the French import was purchased for $38,000 by Walter P. Chrysler, Labrot and Co. and Charles W. Williams at the Audley Farm dispersal sale held Oct 27, 1939.

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Rank		Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BTW/ % Rnrs	BTH/ % Rnrs	GSW/ G1W	Lifetime AEI	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'21 Earnings
1	▶	Great Notion, '00, (Elusive Quality) Northview Stallion Station, MD, $7,500	83 / 37	5 / 6.0%	11 / 13.3%	0 / 0	1.46	Cry No More $116,033	$2,006,202
2		War Dancer, '10, (War Front) Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, NY, $7,500	49 / 19	1 / 2.0%	5 / 10.2%	0 / 0	1.10	Step Dancer $123,700	$1,281,964
3	▶	El Padrino, '09, (Pulpit) Previously stood at Northview, Died, 2017	71 / 28	3 / 4.2%	7 / 9.9%	0 / 0	1.29	Don't Call Me Mary $163,750	$1,681,336
4		Jess's Dream, '12, (Curlin) Ocala Stud, FL, $4,000	55 / 20	2 / 3.6%	5 / 9.1%	1 / 0	0.79	Chess's Dream $124,455	$984,572
5		Too Much Bling, '03, (Rubiano) Valor Farm, TX, $5,000	86 / 44	1 / 1.2%	7 / 8.1%	0 / 0	1.01	Direct Dial $149,534	$1,791,050
6		Competitive Edge, '12, (Super Saver) Valor Farm, TX, $5,000	89 / 46	3 / 3.4%	7 / 7.9%	2 / 0	1.34	Edgeway $261,000	$2,633,330
-		The Big Beast, '11, (Yes It's True) Ocala Stud, FL, $4,000	63 / 34	1 / 1.6%	5 / 7.9%	0 / 0	1.13	Livingmybestlife $105,720	$1,398,124
8	▶	Golden Lad, '10, (Medaglia d'Oro) Northview Stallion Station, MD, $5,000	64 / 34	1 / 1.6%	5 / 7.8%	0 / 0	1.42	Hello Beautiful $147,500	$1,664,171
-		Bustin Stones, '04, (City Zip) Waldorf Farm, NY, $2,500	51 / 23	1 / 2.0%	4 / 7.8%	0 / 0	1.33	Shaker Shack $206,650	$1,311,316

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